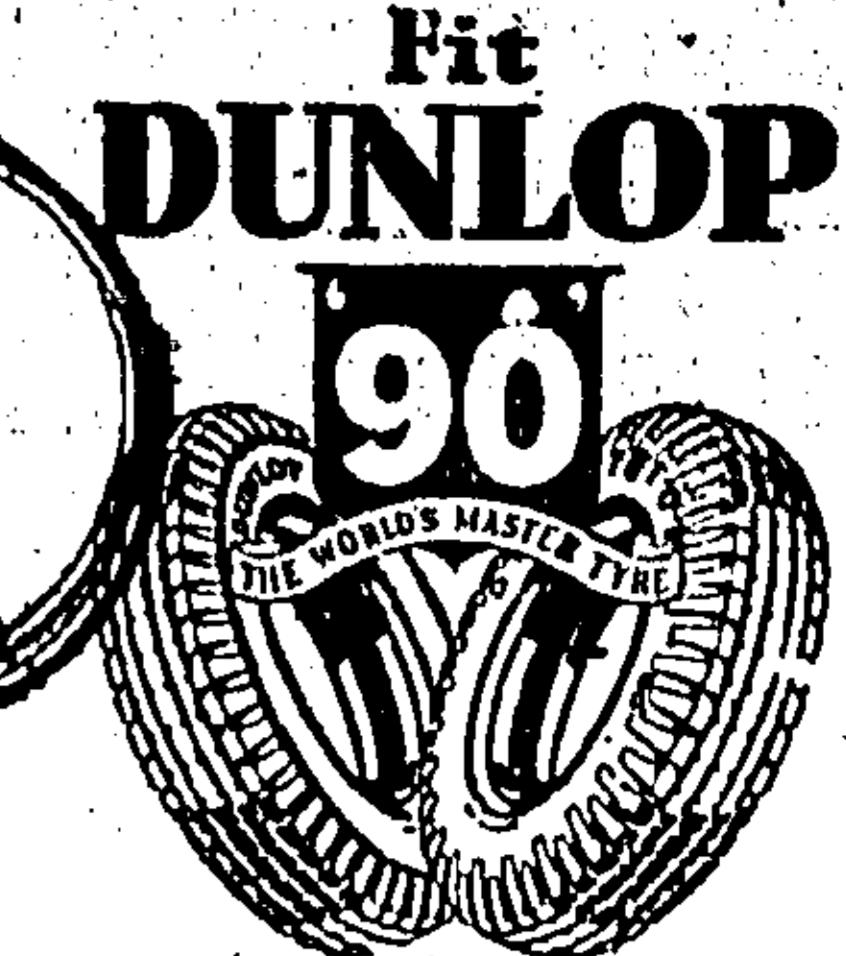


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JAPANESE FLEEING FROM TSINAN GUERILLAS THREATEN RIVER CITY

Chinese Continue To Report Victories In Drive Northward

Tsaohsien, Shantung, Apr. 13.

In view of the menace of Chinese guerillas around the city, Japanese residents are evacuating Tsinan, since the Chinese captured Chufu, to the south. The Chinese are steadily pressing north.

All Japanese shops which were re-opened following the Japanese occupation of the city have now been closed and the civilians are leaving.

A fleet of 33 steam launches is busily transporting Japanese military supplies and other articles over to the north bank of the Yellow River at Lokow. Many able-bodied Chinese males have been pressed into service to assist in transportation and strengthening of defence works.

As a precaution against further attacks from Chinese guerillas, the majority of the Japanese troops are now stationed at important points outside the city.

Meanwhile, the city gates are closely guarded and a strict search of pedestrians is conducted inside the city. More than 400 Chinese suspected of being plainclothes men have been arrested during the last few days.—Central News.

Progress Continues

Shanghai, Apr. 13. The Chinese still report favourably on the new offensives in south Shantung and to the south-west of Shanghai, according to the latest messages received.

Chinese forces expect at any moment to enter the city of Yihsiem, where the Japanese are concentrated after their defeat at Talerchwang.

Reports conflict regarding the initiative in the fighting near Taihu Lake, one report speaking of Chinese attacks being vigorously resisted, while others state that the Japanese completely failed to dislodge the Chinese troops.—Reuter.

Night Raid At Hankow

Hankow, Apr. 13. Japanese planes bombed the race course at 8 o'clock to-night in mistake for the airfield. It was foggy at the time of the raid.

Six Japanese planes took part in the raid on Hankow. It was moonlight, but visibility was bad and it was therefore hard to locate targets on the ground.

Dog-fights occurred, and about 30 bombs were dropped on the suburbs of Hankow.—United Press.

Night Raid Over Wuhan

Hankow, April 13. A squadron of Japanese planes staged a night raid on the Wuhan area around 7 o'clock last evening.

When they were near the city, Chinese pursuit planes took to the air to intercept them, and powerful search-lights were turned up to spot them.

In view of the Chinese preparedness, the invading machines hurriedly released their bombs and flew away. Little damage was done.—Central News.

Yihsiem Almost Encircled

Hsiaochow, Apr. 13. Yihsiem is now encircled by Chinese forces on three sides, the east, north and south, and most of the hills commanding the city are in Chinese hands.

Fierce fighting raged yesterday at Ancheng and Chenching, south-east and northwest of Yihsiem. At Ancheng 2,000 Japanese troops were enveloped by the Chinese. Repeated Chinese onslaughts were launched during the day. Chinese volunteers threw hand grenades at the enemy, broke into the Japanese lines and whilst the Japanese opened heavy fire, retreated to the hills. The Chinese

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SHANGHAI-FORMOSA AIRLINE PLANNED

Shanghai, April 13. Shanghai will be linked by air with Talhoku, the capital of Formosa late this summer if negotiations in Tokyo are successfully concluded, says the Shanghai Mailchi.

Under the present plan, the Formosan Government's large Douglas aircraft will make the trip three times a week, covering the 510 miles between the two cities in less than three hours.

Russia Can't Allow Conquest of China

Ambassador Presents Credentials

Optimistic In View Of China Position

Chungking, April 13. The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, presented his credentials this morning, attended Mr. Lin Sen's banquet at noon, and received pressmen in the afternoon at the British Consulate-General.

Sir Archibald said that when visiting Shanghai he felt gloomy, but after his Hankow and Chungking visits, and meeting the Nationalist leaders, he had become optimistic of the outlook in China, and also of the Sino-British relations in the future.

Nevertheless, he dared not go sightseeing in Nanking, fearing a misunderstanding would arise because the British Government only know the National Government at Chungking.

The Ambassador, and his staff of five, are leaving for Hankow at daybreak on April 14, and are going by steamer to Ichang to see the gorges. From there they will probably take the air line.—United Press.

BRITAIN PROTESTS TO MEXICO

Asks Restoration Of Seized Property In Stiff Note

London, Apr. 12. A severe censure of the Mexican Government's methods in expropriating British oil fields is made in the British note to Mexico just published. It admits the Government's right to expropriate in the public interest on payment of adequate compensation, but that principle does not justify expropriation of an essentially arbitrary character.

After reviewing the legal proceedings, in which it alleged that essential evidence was improperly excluded, inadequately considered, or unjustifiably overridden, the note says that the severity of the Government's harsh and arbitrary step is disproportionate to the exigencies of the situation.

The British Government is of the opinion that the real motive of expropriation is of a political nature to acquire permanently for Mexico ownership of the oil fields, and it is tantamount to confiscation under the law of legality.

The consequences have been a denial of justice, and a transgression of international law. The note formally requests restoration of the properties.—Reuter.

Minority's Complaint Recognised

Censorship On Sudeten German Press Ends

Prague, April 12. The Sudeten Germans have appealed to the Czech-Slovakian Premier to relax the censorship imposed on their newspapers, complaining that censorship was against the constitutional freedom of the press.

The Premier, after studying the request, declared that grievances were justified, and ordered the censorship to be relaxed.

Ministers have asked newspapers supporting their different parties to cease to attack other papers, in order to create a peaceful atmosphere for the negotiations with the Sudeten Germans.—Reuter Bulletin.

NO HOLIDAY

Prague, April 12. Czech-Slovakian Ministers are not taking a holiday during Easter, but will remain in Prague, owing to the present situation in the country.

The Government has banned demonstrations on May 1, which is the

PRESENTS CREDENTIALS



Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and Lady Kerr photographed as they arrived in Chungking, China's war time capital, by air. Yesterday His Excellency presented his credentials. He and Lady Kerr have been given a warm welcome, and the Ambassador has expressed optimism at China's position.—C. M. P. S. Photo.

SUPER-CRUISERS OF JAPAN MAY PROVE SCOURGE OF OCEANS

40-Knot Vessels of Heavy Gun Calibre Could Crush All But Capital Ships

Washington, Apr. 12. It is reliably learned that the Navy Department has been informed that Japan is building a fleet of super-cruisers of 16,000 and 18,000 tons, whose unmatched speed, mobility and striking power may revolutionise naval tactics.

It is reported that three such vessels are at present being built, capable of a speed of 40 knots, and armed with eight or nine 12-inch guns.

A high naval official stated to-day: "If such ships are being built, they represent, perhaps, the most powerful sea weapon in existence. While they could not successfully engage a battleship in close fighting, they would be more powerful than any British or United States cruiser, and would be the scourge of the world's shipping lanes."—Reuter.

AMOY BOMBED BY LONE PLANE

Amoy, April 13. After conducting a reconnaissance flight a single Japanese plane dropped two bombs on Amoy yesterday. No damage was caused. Fourteen other Japanese planes passed over Amoy yesterday but did not drop any missiles.

Eight Japanese warships, including one aircraft carrier, are now anchored off the coast of Amoy.

13 CASUALTIES IN RAID

Ningpo, April 13. Thirteen persons were either killed or maimed and over 20 houses demolished during an air raid staged by 18 Japanese planes over Ningpo yesterday.

From Kinshwa came a report stating that the Japanese also raided Lishui and Wen-chow in Chekiang.—Central News.

Further Stop Press News, on Page 18.

SUN FO REVEALS SOVIET ATTITUDE TO JAPAN'S AIMS

China Will Mobilise Army Of 8,000,000 in Year

London, Apr. 12.

Mr. Sun Fo, prominent Chinese political leader, speaking at a press reception at the Chinese Embassy to-day, said he had been informed in Moscow that although Russia did not intend to intervene in the Far East at present, where China appeared to be fully holding her own, Russia could not afford to allow Japan to conquer China, and if any danger of that appeared, Russia would certainly intervene, regardless of the consequences in Europe.

Mr. Sun Fo said that China was quite confident of winning. She already had 2,000,000 men under arms, and in a year's time would have 8,000,000.

DALADIER BACKED BY HUGE MAJORITY

Chamber Displays Usual Solidarity Facing Crisis

Paris, April 12. The Chamber, by a vote of 576 to five, gave its confidence to the Daladier Cabinet to-day, admitting the financial bills for immediate debate.

Meanwhile the metallurgical strike unexpectedly ended during negotiations.

The General Labour Federation has agreed to order the immediate evacuation of factories, and it is officially announced that the employees will resume work in the nationalised aviation factories on Wednesday.

The financial bill asked for rule by decree until July 31, stipulating that the Chamber must ratify the decrees by December 31 or they will be void.

It is announced that the Government intends to ask the Bank of France for another ten billion francs. It is also announced that a new defence loan is envisaged, but no details are yet known.—United Press.

Seeks Plenary Powers

Paris, Apr. 12. A ministerial declaration in the Chamber will ask for plenary powers in connection with defence of the nation, and the recovery of finance and industry until July 31.

It makes an effort to end the metal strike peacefully by appealing to the workers' patriotism, and warning employers that the exigencies of national defence cannot be made an excuse for privilege.

The declaration proposes a slight increase in taxation with special taxes on industries engaged in armaments production.

Powers are sought to obtain additional advances from the Bank of France up to 10 billion francs, and if this proves insufficient, the Government will issue a loan.

Locomotives For China Assembling In Colony

Shipments Arrive From Britain

The largest consignment of railway locomotives ever ordered in the Far East has already arrived, in part, in Hongkong.

The Telegraph understands that 50 locomotives are involved in the order, which was placed in Germany and Great Britain by the Chinese Ministry of Communications.

Twenty of the locomotives, of British design, were landed at the Kowloon Canton Railway depot at Hung Hom last week. They were unloaded directly from ship to rail, and are now in the railway yards, awaiting transportation to a destination to be designated by the Chinese authorities.

A large number of locomotives are also stored at North Point, on Hongkong Island, awaiting delivery to the Chinese Government. They will shortly be ferried across the harbour to the K.C.R. system.

It is understood that a further consignment of 20 locomotives is en route to Hongkong from Europe.

Roosevelt Economises

Washington, Apr. 12. The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee favourably reported on the \$12,978,524 Agriculture Supply Bill for the 1939 fiscal year, which is \$12,978,524 under the current appropriations.

This major economy is according to President Roosevelt's demands. The committee slashed the highway aid to States by \$74,000,000, leaving \$95,000,000 for highway appropriation.

Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, submitted testimony to the committee in which he suggested that the imposition of the processing taxes on agriculture was the ideal way of financing the farm programmes.—United Press.

Guide to This Week's Shopping

Menu Suggestions for Easter Week-end

Cood Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Luncheon			
Salt cod	Sausages and Lyonnaise	Roast lamb, Sprouting broccolli, Prune croûtes.	Scotch eggs, Cheese tartlets.
Apple tart.	Orange jelly.		
Dinner or Supper			
Curried eggs, Plum jelly, Cheese straws.	Leek and potato soup, Stuffed haddock.	Onion soup, Sardine fishcakes.	Tomato soup, Cold lamb (or done up), Rhubarb fool, Anchovy croûtes.

ALL these recipes will be more or less familiar to my readers; but Sarah and I have put our heads together to try and see if we can suggest something for nearly all of them which will make them a little unusual.

Let us take them by days.

Good Friday

Luncheon

SOAK, boil and flake the salt cod. Fry some sliced onions in butter until lightly brown, butter fry some sliced cooked potatoes. Put back the onions, add the flakes of cod and cook all together for a few minutes, finishing with a few drops of vinegar and some finely chopped parsley.

Make the apple tart with apple puree in a flan case, and when it is cold, spread over the top some warmed apricot, peach or quince jam. The last two can be had imported from South Africa, and very good they are.

Dinner or Supper

DON'T forget to hand some chutney with the eggs, and see that your rice is nicely dried and very hot when dished.

The South African plums now in the shops will make an excellent jelly. If you are careful not to cook the skins too much, and the cheese straws will be improved by the addition of a little paprika pepper in the making. By the way, keep a little of this paste back for the savoury on Sunday night.

Saturday

Luncheon

GRILL the sausages and arrange them against a garnished with thin strips of pickled heap of nicely dried haricot bean gherkin and hard-boiled whites of puree. If you like, you can sprinkle the whole thing with grated cheese and brown it very quickly at the last.

The orange jelly will be improved by a little sherry when you make it.

Cookery Lesson

for the Under-Twelves

by Harriet Hume

COOKING is fun and it's never too early to learn. The article is for under twelves, but if fifteen and over read it I shan't mind much:

BEGIN AS YOU MEAN TO GO ON IN COOKING. Very methodically, only taking out what you need, having everything handy before you begin, putting things away when finished with, and, most important of all, remembering stickiness is very catching. If, for example, you are making toffee, have a damp rag handy to wipe your fingers, and be sure everything you use is quite clean before you put it away.

Coconut Ice

There are good sweets that do not need the use of a fire. Coconut ice, for example. You want icing sugar, which has to be rolled and sieved before using because it sticks together in lumps.

Ingredients are:

1lb. of icing sugar, ½lb. of desiccated coconut, 1 white of egg, cochineal.

Utensils:

Bowl, cup, white paper, wooden spoon, grater, sieve, rolling-pin.

Separating yolk and white of an egg very carefully over a clean cup and the white—or most of it—will run out at once. Gently change the yolk from one half-eggshell to another, letting the remains of the white run down into the cup. Put the yolk aside.

You then mix the white with the icing sugar. Stir round and round with the wooden spoon, often press-

ing the mixture against the side of the bowl. When smooth, stir in the coconut and mix all well together. It should be a stiff mass. Divide the ice in half. Colour one lot pink, putting in only the tiniest drop of colouring. Put out each lot of ice to set, you must ask someone else to stir the toffee over the fire, for it burns very easily. When ready, dip your apples into it while it is still bubbling. Let the toffee set on them for a few seconds, then dip a few more times to get a good thick coating.

Toffee Apples

The toffee recipe I'm going to give you can be used on its own and is very good.

Ingredients are:

Several firm, small apples and the same number of sticks, 1lb. of brown sugar, 2oz. of butter, 1gill of water.

Utensils:

A saucepan, a wooden spoon with a long handle, a cup of cold water. If the toffee is not for apples, a greased tin.

Wipe the apples, take off the stalks, and put a clean, long stick in instead. Put the sugar, butter, and water in a pan and stir over the fire. When boiling sugar is very important that it should all be dissolved before the actual boiling begins. Otherwise the sweets turn back to sugar again, which is mysterious but true.

You must tap the bottom of the pan every now and then, and if there is a grity noise you'll know the sugar isn't yet dissolved. When you don't hear the grity noise it's safe to let it boil up. But go on stirring carefully.

Final day of a 4-DAY SPRING-CLEANING DRIVE tells you how to brighten up your

Walls and Ceilings

AT this time of year, after months of rain, fog, and wind, you suddenly become aware that the ceiling has suffered a good deal, and that the paint, or whitewash, is covered with a film of dust.

A certain amount of this has stuck firmly to the ceiling, and after you have dusted over it with a long feather brush you find that it looks no cleaner.

If this is the case, and your ceiling is of ordinary white paint, try cleaning it with onion water this way. Boil several onions in a large saucepan of water until all the goodness is boiled out of them. Then

try and cool the liquid, and rub it over the ceiling and the dirt will disappear, leaving the paint white and glossy.

The smell, which is not unpleasant, goes off at once, and if the windows are open you will hardly notice it during the actual process of cleaning.

Starch will do It

IN country cottages and the few old houses that have no electric light, ceilings sometimes become blackened in places. Wash over these dirty patches with a fairly thick paste of cold water and starch, and leave till quite dry, then rub with a soft duster.

Mercifully for housewives, elaborate mouldings round ceilings are now out of date, and in most modern buildings they are plain, and easy to clean. But if you have ornate ones a long feather brush is about the best way of cleaning them.

Give it a new Coat

ARE you thinking of re-painting your ceiling this year? I advise you to have it the same colour as your walls.

But sometimes in a modern flat

make a room look larger.

Pale apple-green is also going to extremely good for a small, low-ceilinged room, as the fact that the warm tone of pink or pale yellow, which should be painted a very

all pastel shades are fashionable, pale colour or even white, makes

do not think it is impractical the room look higher, while

their getting dirty more easily, makes your room look longer.

HIGHER by painting it several tones cause I can assure you that they are lighter than the walls.

In old or converted buildings it is bound to notice every time any smudge or dirt gets on the walls, and it is easy to remove at once.

Fading-in Scheme

AN entirely new idea for redecorating your room is to paint your walls three different shades of one colour, all fading into one another.

This is the way to set about it. All you need are two pots of paint. It is cheaper to buy a large quantity at once if you think you will need it.

One pound of paint covers four square yards of wall. To give you a rough idea of quantity, a room 15ft. by 12ft. by 10ft. high will take 15lbs. of paint. If the walls have not been painted the same colour before you should use two coats.

If you are going to temper your walls, get two different shades of one colour and make a third shade by mixing them. Then stretch a piece of string from one end of the wall to the other to make a straight line. Do this again lower down the wall, thus dividing the wall into three parts.

Start painting the top one with the palest colour, the next division and furniture, and is inclined to one a shade darker still.

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Points about Papers

HERE are a few ideas about wallpaper.

All kinds of new shades have been brought out for Coronation year. Pale blue is going to be particularly popular. It makes a becoming background to your pictures and furniture, and is inclined to one a shade darker still.

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Japan Already Enjoying "Fruits" of Chinese Victories

NAVAL WEDDING
AT UNION CHURCH



INSTR. LT. CDR. A.M.A. GUNN and his bride, formerly Miss E. M. Turner, photographed after their wedding at the Union Church—Ming Yuen.

Seven Young Men Are Out To Beat Mount Everest

THE smallest and lightest equipped expedition Britain has yet sent to conquer 29,000 feet high Mount Everest will reach its base camp within the next three weeks, and will then start its attack on the summit.

The expedition consists of seven young men—three of them married—led by Mr. H. W. Tilman, 36-years-old Wallasey (Cheshire) bachelor and experienced mountaineer.

Second in command is Mr. F. S. Smythe, who in 1933 came within 1,000 feet of the summit before being forced to retreat through weariness.

Mr. Smythe and Captain N. E. Odell, who together scaled Nanda Devi (25,000ft), the highest summit ever conquered by man two years ago, are expected to make the final assault on the peak.

Mr. Tilman's party is making a complete change from the old methods of tackling the Himalayas.

DANGERS

In the past it has been thought necessary for expeditions to be large and heavily equipped. This principle, which has been carried out on all assaults on the higher summits is now thought by many climbers to be the reason for the many failures and disasters.

The speed of the expeditions has been greatly decreased by the constant strain of maintaining contact between the many climbers and porters.

Mr. Tilman's expedition will include only the minimum of personal provisions, and tackle. There will be no wireless equipment.

There will be no reserve members to draw on should one or more of the party fall sick. There will be less reserve food should the party be held up by bad weather after having started the climb.

LARGER TENTS

But, taking all things into consideration, it is generally considered

'Suicide While Asleep'

Theory Advanced At Inquest

Plymouth. The theory that he gassed himself while sleep-walking was put forward at the inquest here on Mark Wellington Eke, 49, a ship's fitter employed in Devonport Dockyard.

Eke was found dead with his head in a gas oven at his home in Pier-street, Plymouth.

The coroner, Mr. W. E. J. Major, returned a verdict that he took his life by inhaling coal gas and that probably he was walking in his sleep or the balance of his mind was disturbed.

Frederick Eke, the dead man's son, said his father was subject to sleep walking, and would frequently get up during the night, dress himself, and go through the motions of his work.

Leslie Burgoine, brother-in-law, said that the oven tap was turned on, but the window was open and there had been no attempt to seal the door.

Dr. H. G. Ludolf, police surgeon, said it was conceivable that Eke walked in his sleep and was not conscious when it happened.

The coroner said there was no doubt that Eke committed suicide. Nobody else could have put his head in the gas oven or turned on the tap. It was only a question of his responsibility for his action. That matter the coroner would leave open.

RICH IRON AREAS GIVE ILLIMITABLE METAL SUPPLIES

SAN FRANCISCO.
IF JAPAN HAS NOT ALREADY WON HER PLACE IN THE SUN AS A RESULT OF HER PRESENT PENETRATION OF CHINA, SHE HAS AT LEAST WON HER PLACE IN THE GREAT IRON FIELDS OF THE WORLD; ACCORDING TO A SURVEY OF THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS.

With the taking over by the Japanese of the famous Lungyen iron fields in Chahar province, Japan has attained one of the greatest objectives of her present drive into China.

Already Japan is enjoying the "fruits" of her present victory.

What bread is to human life, iron is to the industrial expansion, naval construction and armaments programme of a nation and for years past Japan has been scouring the seven seas purchasing vast quantities of scrap iron in an effort to meet her growing needs in that metal.

In spite of Japan's efforts to date to build up an adequate reserve of iron, the Institute reports that it is no secret that she still suffers an acute shortage of that metal.

The Lungyen iron fields are so great that they represent 40 per cent of the entire iron deposits in China. The Chinese Geological Survey estimated that they contain 91,645,000 tons of ore waiting for exploitation.

Japan's acquisition of these deposits is all the more important in that they are situated where they are easy of access and facilities for transportation already exist.

The deposits lie about 150 miles from Peiping and when the Chinese first began their serious exploitation in 1918, branch lines were built from the mines to the Hsuenhun station of the Peiping-Suiyuan railway.

250 TONS DAILY.

The Chinese company erected a blast furnace at that time, but be-

GABLE IS NOW DANDY No. 1

Chicago. Clark Gable was voted the best-dressed man in America by the Merchant Tailors Designers' Association at a meeting here.

His ability to wear loose-fitting coats better than any other man was the deciding factor in his selection, said the designers.

Wants To Sell Eye To Science

Rochester, N. Y. William D. Eddy, 68-year-old relief client, has offered his right eye just for a little home and happiness for the few remaining years of life—and he really means it.

"I've thought it all out," Eddy said, "and I know that if the surgeons cut my right eye so that someone else can see, the strain might cause my left eye to go bad. It's a risk, but the gamble would be worth it to me."

The elderly man, who lives in a primitive cottage he built 20 years ago in nearby Penfield, told of a desperate struggle to exist in the past few years.

"You wouldn't call it living—what my wife and I have been doing," he said.

Eddy receives relief from the town, but from his point of view, that is not a satisfactory way to get along. That is why, he said, he would give an eye for a chance to really live again.

This Crusade Seeks Return Of blushes

New York. The common blush, practically discarded since sorority sisters discovered Freud and found that the whole business was just an inferiority complex, is going to be revived in an effort to keep American women from becoming a race of gargoyles.

A crusade to restore the blush to good standing has been announced by Miss Grace Donahue, a red-haired lady from Chicago, who described herself as a "professor of beauty—within and without."

Miss Donahue said that after several years of studying from both directions, she decided that the trouble with the American girl is spiritual hardening of the arteries and she intends to save them even if she has to do it the hard way.

"Girls have stopped blushing," she said. "Most of them have forgotten how to blush. The result is that they never get any blood in their face, their skin fades and they become ugly."

"BLUSH" CLUB

She is forming a national association of "Blush of the Month" clubs, the only requirement for which is a blush.

Nothing will be barred. The girls can tell jokes, recite ditties, or look at pictures of Robert Taylor. Even bar room jokers or four-letter words will be permitted "as a last resort", on the ground that the devil must be fought with fire.

"What we must fight," said Miss Donahue, "are the evil effects of super-sophistication. The main idea is to blush about something. A double entendre is better than a double-chin."

"A BLUSH A DAY"

She will send out little cards to "Blush of the Month Club", to certify memberships. The cards bear the slogan: "A blush a day keeps the wrinkles away," a place for the name of the member, and at the bottom a single line: "How are your vaso-constrictors to-day?"

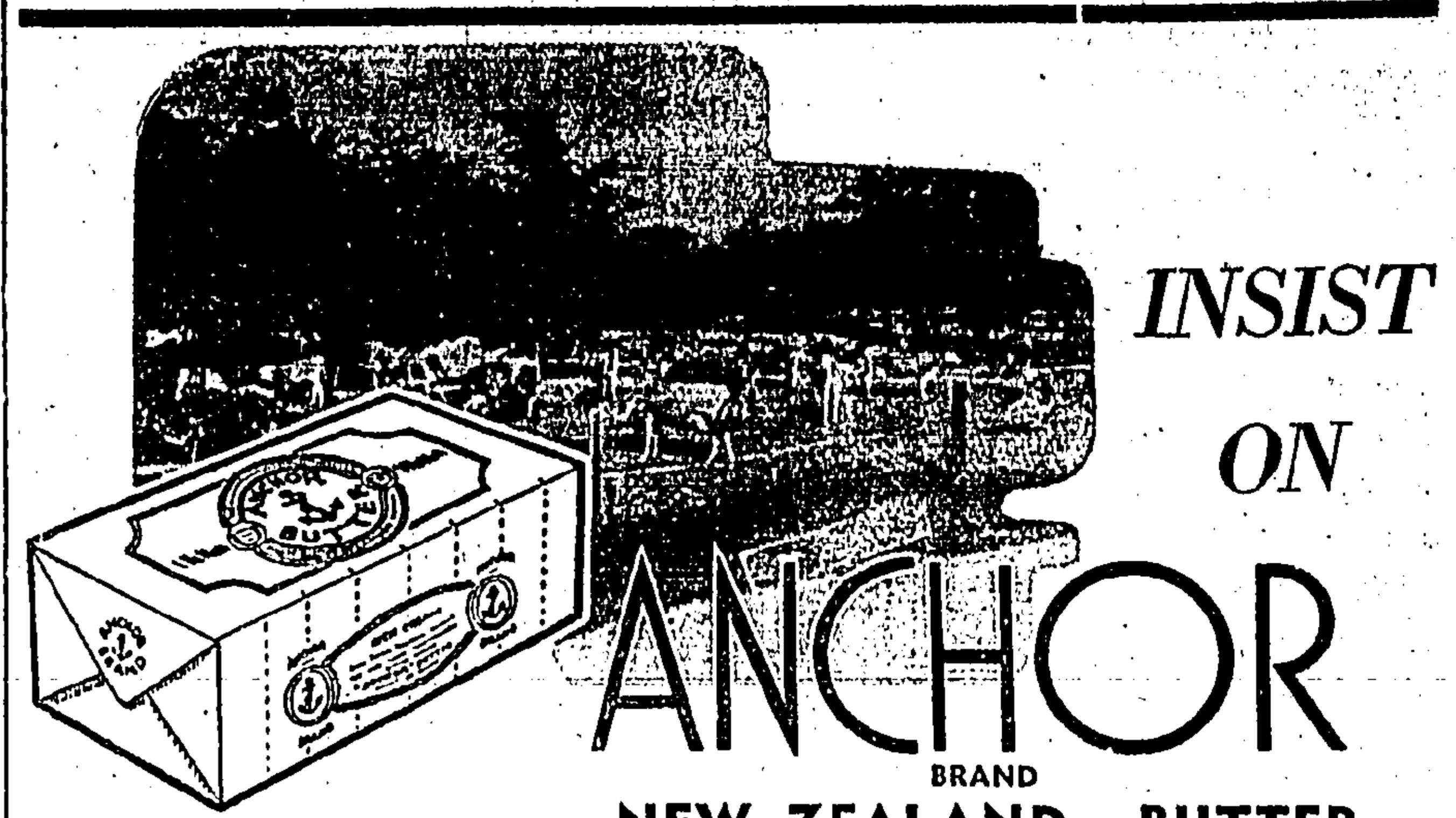
"The vaso-constrictor," said Miss Donahue, "is the nerve that enables people to blush. Some ladies haven't used their vaso-constrictors since Eleanor Glyn wrote 'It'."

Mrs. Donahue also is preparing a list of "Ten Guidelines to Blushing" which she will send out to the club members. These include such homilies as:

"Put your plumpness to work." "A blush in time saves eczema." "Try an old-fashioned blush—it's gland."

The best blushers, she added, are Sonja Henie and Helen Hayes, among women, and among men, Robert Taylor.

"I hope to get Mr. Taylor to auto-



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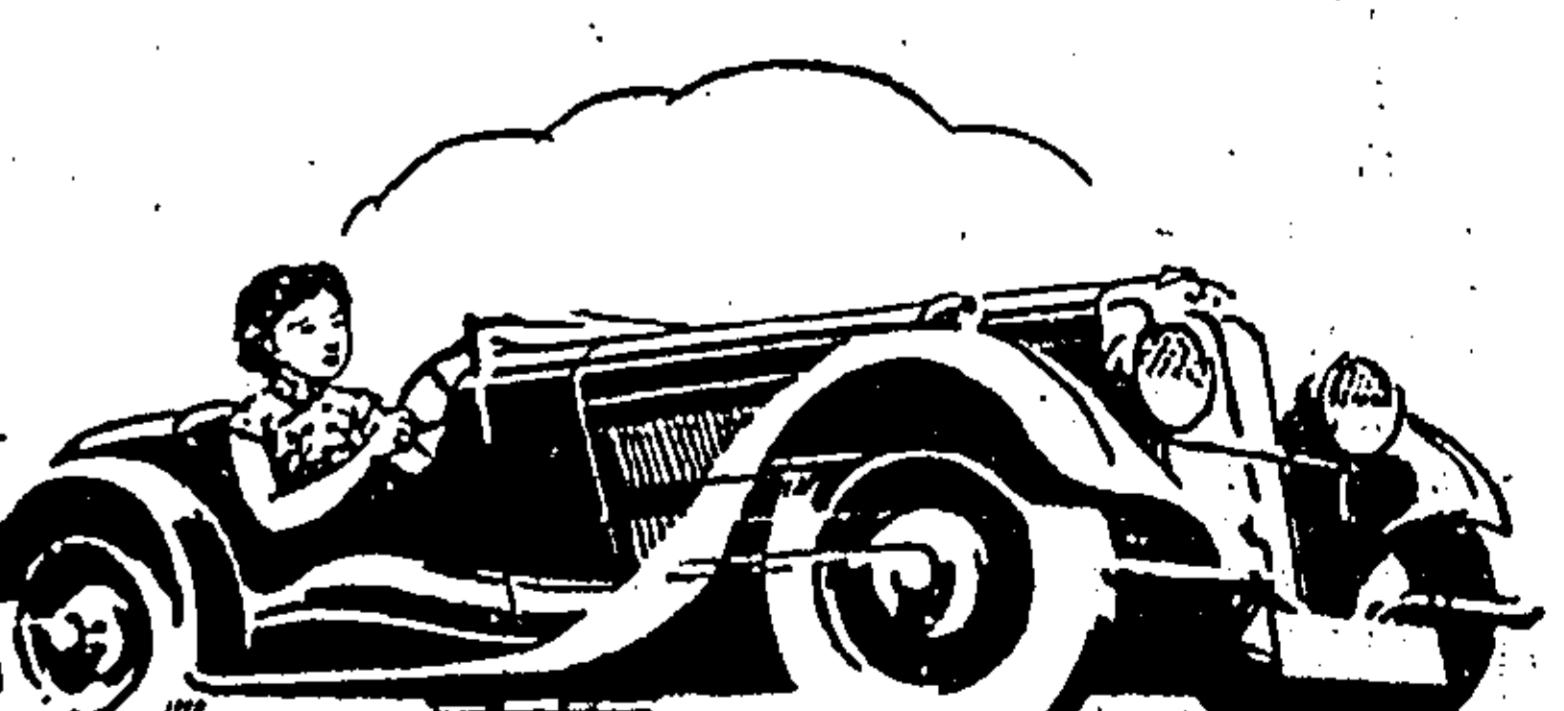
The Car for Sporting People

"Scouting in South Africa"

I feel that it is time that some notice was taken of the B.S.A. Scout. Seven months ago I became the third owner of a 1936 Scout 4-seater, mileage 12,000. A brief history of the car to that date: The first owner apparently did not know much about the critical running-in period, because within a week he left for East London. At 10,000 miles, the car was sold and the second owner took full advantage of the amazing cornering abilities of the car, for he ran through two fairly good front tyres in 2,000 miles. After all this bad handling, however, she managed to come in second in a local handicap race at the Grosvenor Grand Prix track. A Scout also finished first, and we both reached maximum speeds of well over 70 m.p.h. (speedometer readings).

In The Motor of November 30 you published an article entitled "Maintaining the Maximum." Well, here is something which compares fairly favourably with the Mercedes mentioned. Quite recently the Scout, with two up and some luggage, completed a journey of 70 miles (two passes included) mostly over badly corrugated roads, in 1 hr. 45 mins. In one place 70 m.p.h. was maintained for about six miles. I would be interested to know if any other reader could name a car priced up to £250 in England that would be able to stand up to the treatment that this car has had without any replacements whatever. At 20,000 miles I decided to have the engine rebed and the big-ends remelted. It was necessary to fit a new second gear as I had run the gearbox without oil for about 200 miles. I have no connection or interest in the B.S.A. concern whatever.

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EDUCATION BOARD STUDIES QUESTION OF ART TUITION IN GRANT SCHOOLS

At the last meeting of the Board of Education, Monday, the desirability of introducing music and the arts and crafts into Government and Grant-in-Aid Anglo-Chinese Schools, as a regular part of the curriculum was considered.

The Board approved in principle and appointed a sub-committee to advise on the time and method of the introduction.

The desirability of making a colloquial knowledge of Chinese compulsory for British teachers belonging to the Education Department was also discussed. The Board expressed the opinion that in the case of future entrants British teachers under the Education Department should be required to study colloquial Chinese

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**BANK HOLIDAYS****PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS**

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.**Notice to Shareholders**

The Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 6th May, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 22nd April to the 6th May, 1938, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 13th April, 1938.

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Opening 8.50/58
May 8.71/71
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Dec. 8.72/72
Jan. (1938) 8.74/74
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The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 20.

New York Rubber
May 11.59/50
July 11.75/74
Sept. 11.91/95
Dec. 12.11/20
Jan. 12.46/50
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Chicago Wheat
May 82 1/2/82
July 80 1/2/82
Sept. 80 1/2/82
Monday's Sales:—

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Chicago Corn
May 60 1/2/82
July 61 1/2/82
Sept. 62 1/2/82

Winnipeg Wheat
May 123 1/2/82
July 112 1/2/82
Oct. 89 1/2/82

21,444,124 bushels.

Samoa and Wuchow 83 1/2/82

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May 84 1/2/82
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G. R.**CHALLAPIN, GIANT BASSO FROM RUSSIA, DIES WITH FAMILY AT BEDSIDE**

Paris, Apr. 12. Fedor Chaliapin, the famous Russian singer, died to-night from acute anaemia. His wife and five children were by his bedside.

When Fedor Chaliapin sang the distraught Czar in "Boris Godunov" even so meticulous a critic as Deems Taylor grew lyrical. For the gigantic peasant boy who became one of the outstanding operatic figures of his age was more than the greatest basso of all time. He was one of the finest of all living actors and a personality so varied and colourful that he dwarfed his contemporaries by the sheer magnetism of his matchless talent and physique.

Towering six feet four inches the resonant basso that pointed Chaliapin to fame and fortune when he was a poor cobbler's apprentice in his home town of Kazan, Russia, rumbled merrily from a cavernous chest. The basso was proud of his tremendous stature and until his last years he kept himself hard-muscled and vigorous in the literary field. When the Soviet revolution came Gorki urged Chaliapin to stay in Russia and help build a new land. But the singer answered that "happiness must not be imposed by force."

GORKI FRIENDSHIP COOLED

This caused a coolness in their relations. And when Chaliapin left Russia in the '20s for a concert in the United States giving his solemn word to return—and did not—the rupture became complete.

Chaliapin was so picturesque a figure that he became almost legendary during his lifetime. Anecdotes without number were told about him. Beniamino Gigli, the singer, used to relate how the basso singing an opera in Russian suddenly remembered something. Addressing his servant in the wings he sang:

"Go to the hotel immediately. Get the two bottles of good wine I forgot in my room and bring them here as we leave immediately after this damned opera is over."

HUGE APPETITE

His appetite was gargantuan his favourite dishes being huge bowls of raw, chopped cabbage before breakfast and black bread with raw onion, a reminder of his childhood. His capacity for liquor was astounding and he once drank a veteran newspaper soggy in an all night bout and long after the journalist was carried to bed Chaliapin still was drinking—and singing.

On the concert platform he had a technique of his own. He was extravagantly temperamental — usually critics noted when he was not in such good voice. Then he would pound the piano, abuse his accompanist and storm up and down beating time to indicate what he felt was the tempo. After the concert he always made it a point to cheer up the crestfallen accompanist, usually with a gift and dinner together.

Once a manager informed him that he was to sing at 11 o'clock at a matinée.

"Good," said Chaliapin. "I am always in good voice at 11 p.m."

"But this is 11 a.m.," said the manager.

"What?" roared Chaliapin. "You ask me to sing at 11 o'clock in the morning? Why, I can't even sleep at that hour."—United Press.

VISITED HONGKONG

Chaliapin visited Hongkong early in 1936 on his way to Japan where he gave a series of concerts. He also gave a public performance in Shanghai, but it was found impossible to arrange for his appearance in Hongkong.

SANG AT CAFE DOORS

From Baku he went to Tiflis. There he also sang before cafe doors and one night in 1932 the teacher Ussatov heard him and told him that he had a great voice. Ussatov, the only instructor Chaliapin ever had, took his young protege to Petrograd. There he sang his first role for the critics and they dwelt harshly on the gruffness of his profound bass.

But despite their unfavourable report Chaliapin found favour in influential circles—the sister of composer Glazunov announced an interest in him—and he was given an appointment to the opera Marlenovsky. But when he failed to gain recognition for his brilliant work because of petty politics Chaliapin joined a private opera.

So well known did he become that before the turn of the century the Imperial Opera had given him important roles and in 1900 he scored a triumph in Milan. Giulio Cesare, later director of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York brought him to Italy and in 1906 induced Chaliapin to come to America. But New Yorkers received the basso coldly apparently because he broke operatic tradition by singing to the character he was supposed to be addressing instead of to the audience.

ACCLAIMED IN SOUTH AMERICA

From New York the singer went to South America where he became more popular than ever. Only in the 1920's did Chaliapin consent to return to the United States and here too, at last, he was hailed as truly an operatic genius. As Don Basilio in "The Barber of Seville," as Mephistopheles in "Faust," as Don Quichotte and Tzar Ivan he carved for himself a lasting niche in the operatic hall of fame.

His personal life was equally glamorous. In his first autobiography "Pages from My Life" he wrote of what a critic called "rather Casanova-like love affairs." He always was besieged by lovesick women and girls in whatever city he sang. But his first—and unhappy—love left its mark on his life.

In 1908 he married Gulla Tarnaghi, an Italian ballerina who bore him eight children. A Catholic she refused to give him his divorce although he openly declared his new love for Mario Petzold with whom he lived for 16 years. Finally in 1927 he took advantage of the easy Soviet divorce laws and freed himself from Mrs. Tarnaghi with whom he had not lived for 21 years.

Then he married Mme. Petzold.

There was another sudden incident in his life. While he pursued the upward path to operatic glory his friend Gorki was becoming famous

WHITNEY GOES TO PRISON

New York Broker Unbowed In Adversity

Ossining, Apr. 12.

Richard Whitney, the American broker who was convicted to five and 10 years imprisonment in Sing Sing on charges of grand larceny, entered Sing Sing with his chin up, haughtily stumbling at the end of a line of handcuffed prisoners.

Asked to make a comment, he moved his head in negation, but there was no gesture of despair.

He was assigned No. 94,835, and sleeps to-night in a damp 4 by 7 foot cell in the old cell block, which is the customary place for newcomers.

A New York message says that the Federal Court has revealed that the Whitney firm has liabilities of \$7,054,039.50 and assets of \$1,161,354.60.—United Press.

ORDER FOR STEAMER AT TAIKOO

Singapore Company Building Here

The Straits Steamship Co., Ltd. of Singapore has placed an order with the Taku Dockyards in Hongkong for a new passenger and cargo steamer for its extensive service.

The new ship, which will be named Pahang, is expected to be launched before the end of the year.

It will be of about 900 tons, and will have accommodation for 12 first-class passengers and also second-class and deck passengers.

The Straits Steamship Company operates a fleet of 47 vessels, the largest of which is the Kedah, 2,405 tons. All bear Malayan place-names.

Storms In Europe Ruin Fruit Crops**Heavy Weather In The Atlantic**

London, Apr. 12. Weather conditions in southern Europe and on the Atlantic Coast have been very unfavourable.

At Naples, shipping was held up for two days by what was described as one of the worst storms ever experienced.

Night frosts are ruining the fruit crops in some parts of Italy.

In Switzerland, heavy frost is destroying fruit blossoms, causing serious damage to the crops.

Officers of the liner Queen Mary, arriving at Southampton yesterday, stated that it had been one of the worst crossings.—Reuter.

GLADIOLI ON DISPLAY

Organised by Major G. M. Churher and Mr. Andrew Tac, an exceptionally fine display of gladioli is on view in the Gloucester Arcade, near the Clover Flower Shop. Over forty named varieties are to be seen.

POST OFFICE

GOVERNOR OPENS TRADE SCHOOL

The new Trade School at Wood Road, Wan Chai, was officially declared open by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, before a large gathering of distinguished guests in the School Hall yesterday.

"The credit for the opening of this Trade School", said Sir Geoffrey, "is due largely to my predecessor, Sir William Peel, in whose day, as you know, the electrical and engineering workshop known as the Peel Laboratory was also built at the Hongkong University."

His Excellency also said that it was very gratifying to hear from Mr. White that the standard of work in the Building Department, which was a very important section, was well up to that in similar institutions in the United Kingdom, and that the day and evening courses had led so many young men to remunerative employment.

A history of the Trade School was given by Mr. G. White in the course of his address to the gathering. He asked His Excellency to formally open the new school.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS

His Excellency said:

You have heard from Mr. White a very lucid and complete history of the Trade School which is my privilege to-day to declare open. You have been reminded that this school was the outcome of the successful experiment of a Junior Technical School and that it owes its present excellent buildings largely to the public spirit shown by the Building Contractors' Association. Furthermore, you have learned of some of the difficulties which stand in the way of such enterprises and how they have been overcome by an alliance of courage and insight.

I took an opportunity a few weeks ago to have a private view of the Trade School and I was shewn its various activities by Mr. White and his Staff for whose patience I am most grateful. The principal impression which I received

was that close adherence to the realities of industry there is a great danger of a Trade School giving merely an academic education which is of little use in this workaday world and serves only as a waste-pipe for the taxpayer's money. It is encouraging to note the absence of that danger here.

HIGH STANDARD OF WORK

It has been very gratifying to hear from Mr. White that in that very important section, the Building Department, the standard of work is well up to that in similar institutions in the United Kingdom, and that the day and evening courses given here have led so many young men to remunerative employment. A tree is known by its fruit, and those youths who first passed out from here should now be spreading the good name of the Trade School abroad in China. Furthermore, I agree with his wise advice that though the School should always aim at progress, its advance and development should proceed along cautious lines. That there should be development will not, I feel sure be disputed. This Colony presents problems some of which are peculiar to itself, especially in the building line and these need careful study; other local problems follow the lines of those found elsewhere, though they are intensified by the rapidly increasing need for engineers and skilled craftsmen which the growing shipping trade and manufacturing interests of Hongkong create.

CREDIT TO SIR WILLIAM

I think it right to recall at this opening ceremony that the existence of this Trade School, like its subsidiary the Junior Technical School, must be put largely to the credit of my predecessor, Sir William Peel, in whose day, as you know, the electrical and engineering workshop known as the Peel Laboratory was also built at the Hongkong University. I very gladly endorse the grateful comments of the Principal upon the valuable help which he has received from many quarters. Naturally he has been too modest to give credit where it is most due, that is to say to himself and his Staff and it is my pleasant task to-day to render to him and to them a tribute of thanks and congratulations. During the five and a half years which Mr. White has spent in this Colony he has devoted himself whole-heartedly to the development of industrial education, first in the Junior Technical School and subsequently in this Trade School.

You have only to hear his modest report and to use your eyes this afternoon to realise how well his keenness, his energy and his power of sympathy have served this Colony. He and his able and hard-working Staff may well be proud as they witness to-day the formal opening of the school which has grown so well under their hands.

I now have much pleasure in declaring the Trade School open. (Applause).

NOT ALL ACADEMIC

The charge most generally laid at the door of Trade Schools is that they do their work, as it were, in *vacuo*; that is to say they take little or no heed of costs, and least of all of the value of time. From what I could see that afternoon the economic side is kept steadily in view here, so that the student ought to leave at the end of his training not only a skilled workman but also with a realisation of the relation between time and values. One admirable method of giving effect to that fundamental principle which this Trade School employs is the insistence of its authorities upon the importance of apprenticeship in the workshop and of the experience which can only be acquired by working on an industrial or com-

mercial footing. Without that close adherence to the realities of industry there is a great danger of a Trade School giving merely an academic education which is of little use in this workaday world and serves only as a waste-pipe for the taxpayer's money. It is encouraging to note the absence of that danger here.

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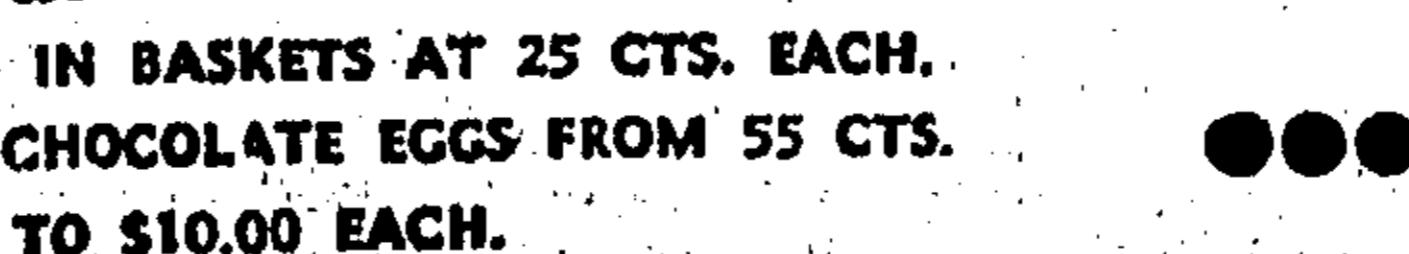
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China Coast Officers May Strike

Guild Considering Ultimatum

To the Editor,

Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir.—The Rev. H. W. Balnes, who has been Chaplain at the Cathedral for the past four years, is leaving Hongkong on April 29, 1934.

The members of the Cathedral Council have arranged to mark their appreciation of the very valuable work he has done here and to show in some practical way something of the affection in which he is held.

There are no doubt many of your readers who would like to be associated with the presentation and their donations, limited to \$10, will be gladly received by Messrs. Thomson & Co., the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, or by any of the undersigned.

The plan to tie-up shipping, if necessary, would only mean the withdrawing of one man from every vessel. The absence of an engineer or the Master from any one ship would put the vessel out of action, it is held.

In support of their request for better conditions, the members of the Guild claim that the wages on certain ships are no higher than they were in 1919.

Meanwhile, it is pointed out, there is hardly a vessel engaged in the coastal trade at the present time which has not had to refuse to take cargo. This is because of the tremendous diversion of cargo, which was formerly carried on Chinese ships, to those registered under foreign flags.

This is one of the direct results of the Japanese attempt to blockade the China coast from north to south.

STILL NEGOTIATING

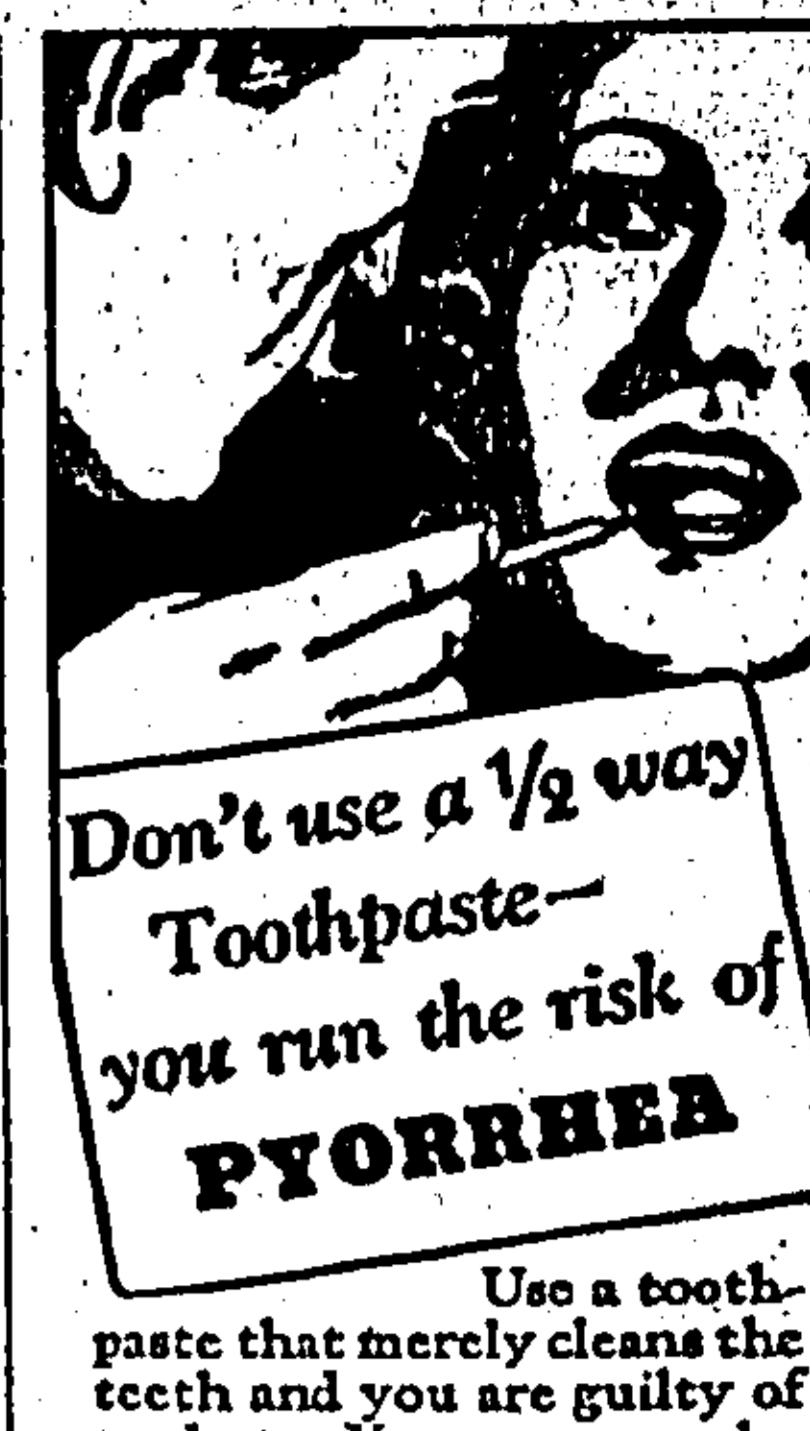
Though the Secretary of the organisation, Mr. W. E. Kirby, would not make any statement yesterday, it is understood that negotiations are still proceeding with the various companies concerned. It is likely that separate agreements may have to be made with individual companies.

Though the members of the Guild expressed the hope that the matter would be settled by arbitration and the proper methods, they showed no hesitation in voicing their tie-up threat.

A meeting of the members will probably be held on Sunday, when the Secretary will report on the progress of the negotiations.

To-morrow is the date of expiry of the time limit for any answer to the claims of the Guild.

The four main demands of the men are: A twenty per cent increase in some salaries; a month's holiday on full pay each year; to be cumulative if so desired; the establishment of a provident fund; and an increase in the European food allowance.



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PEACE AND WAR WAGES

France, according to the cabled developments of the internal situation in that tumultuous country, is about to suffer from a paralysing strike, is already experiencing labour difficulties which have tied up a good part of the vital arms industry, and may have to introduce a system of conscription among her work people in order to guarantee a satisfactory output. In fact, M. Daladier, the Prime Minister, has grimly hinted that he will not hesitate to put troops into the factories to clear them of sit-down strikers if the necessity arises.

This situation has been outlined because of a desire to indicate the disastrous effects of discord in industry at a time when a nation is striving to prepare for international emergency. Such a situation unquestionably gives unscrupulous labour the handle of the whip. In France, because of the nationalisation of so much of the country's industry, it is all the more disturbing. What excuse can workers give for striking against a sympathetic Government which is doing everything in its power to find a way out of the troubles which beset it and serve the nation to the best of its ability? There is no more justice in labour playing that sort of politics than for working people in factories, munitions-making or otherwise employed, to strike for increased wages when soldiers are fighting for a few sous a day. The obvious lack of scruple, patriotism and self-discipline among such people condemns them at once. And yet Frenchmen are not the only ones who have erred in this respect. In fact, when that country actually faces crisis, it is a well-known fact that factions forget their quarrels and combine their efforts for the common weal.

It is not proposed to argue here the benefits of the safeguards of a totalitarian system against such abuses as appear to be the exclusive possession of the democratic systems. But the fact is apparently incontrovertible that the policies represented by Communism, Fascism and Nazism do not allow dictation by any single faction. As long as the central authority prevails it has this advantage over the democratic form of Government, that it has already "nationalised" its industry in such a way that no "mobilisation" or "conscription" of labour is necessary even in the gravest emergency. Or so it would appear.

However—and this is the point to which this preamble has been leading—it does seem

Says **HAMISH FRASER**

If I put up a sign, "Boys or girls at will: 100 per cent success," which would you ask of me, anxious Parent-to-be?

Doctors' experience is that the answer every time is, "A boy." That is because when it comes to being prepared to pay a heavy fee a boy is wanted pretty urgently for some reason of inheritance, a throne perhaps, a title, maybe no more than to carry on the business which you are so proud, Father, of having built up.

Let's clear up as far as possible the mystery of what makes us turn out boys or girls. The first point is that by the time you know a baby is on the way the whole question is settled.

But you've got to wait in patience for the answer right to the very end, to the moment when Nurse comes out and says: "You've got a lovely little..."

There is no way yet of telling the sex of unborn children.

Under X-rays they all appear alike, and there are no blood tests which help.

Actually, the very moment

the new life begins, its sex is irrevocably settled, and no amount of wishing before or after that affects the question at all.

Now suppose, after all, it's a girl; there's one person who can't be blamed for that—your wife. No, not even if she presents you with a whole family of girls and nothing else. It's the father's side which determines the sex of the offspring.

It's believed, though, that

marriage of middle-aged men to very young women tends to result in boys.

Now for health. If you want your first child to be a boy, it's no good. Father going into training and becoming a paragon of physical fitness; all you will achieve is the normal odds. If

it were otherwise, the fittest nations would become extinct for lack of girls to be mothers.

Much more important actually

is the mother's health. You

may know that a few more boys are born than girls (about 3 per cent, in fact), and yet we have 2,000,000 surplus women, and that widows are much commoner than widowers. Males, you see, are the more delicate sex.

Well, the same tendency exists in the months before birth. If all the males that are conceived were born alive, boys would be in a 30 per cent. majority. Therefore a healthy mother, not prone to be affected by shocks and jars during those months, has a much greater chance of having a boy.

Vitamin E

HERE we have made one practical discovery; for we now know that to attain this state of health a plentiful supply of Vitamin E is essential. This is present in large amounts in wheat-germ oil.

The next question on your lips, I know, is "Hasn't acid got something to do with it?" The acid theory is a hardy annual; it keeps cropping up, but I can't find any eminent authorities who support it in this country.

The theory is that women who can't produce boys are too acid and require alkaline applications. In Germany, Prof. Unterberger has claimed nearly 90 per cent. success for treatment on these lines.

This sounds good enough; but his work is not accepted here because the facts he claims about the amount and the effect of the acid do not appear to be true, and experiments carried out on mice and sheep by his method had no result.

Another snare is the deceptiveness of statistics, for, as I have explained, Nature gives us 3 per cent. more boy babies than girls, in any case, so that whatever the treatment it is fairly easy to achieve success—in other words, boy babies—in slightly over 50 per cent. of cases.

Appreciation of this fundamental enabled a fraudulent doctor, before the Great War, to reap a handsome fortune from the reigning families of Europe, before enough children had been born to prove his method entirely valueless.

Don't you, in the end, agree that it's just as well we cannot determine our children's sex? Don't you think it would lead to squabbles beforehand; re-proaches after?

There are always misfits in life who think things might have been different if only they had the opportunities of the other sex.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichity



"About that shipment of cars to Scotland—test the brakes and see that they're able to stop on a steep incline."

THIS IS THE STORY OF The 7 Ages of of LORD SWINTON

MASTER PHILIP GREAME was a normal boy at Winchester. At least, none of his contemporaries remember him as skilled in games or books, and succeeding generations of schoolboys do not recall any mark he made on the place.

"A slow developer," one of them described him.

But last year, when the old headmaster's portrait was hung in the school, they asked "Master Philip" to make the presentation because he is the best known Old Wykehamist and the only one in the Cabinet.

Still slowly developing (in name too), Mr. Philip Lloyd Greame did nothing out of the way at Oxford, but he was a studious youth and applied himself to law, in which he was making progress in six years as a barrister when the war called him to France.

He served until 1917, when he was invalided home with an M.C. and an introduction to Mr. Lloyd George.

Major Lloyd Greame, as he was now known, was the tall, stooping, keen-featured young man whom M.P.s and secretaries often saw in Lloyd George's company in the last eighteen months of the war.

In 1920 he acquired a

hyphen, a knighthood, and a post at the Board of Trade. Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame owes much to the toss of a coin. He and Sir E. Hilton Young (now Lord Kennet) were despatched as a delegation to the Hague Conference.

No head of delegation had been appointed. They tossed Sir Philip won. And since the conference (like every other one) was an enormous success his speech in Parliament was a triumph and his Prime Minister Lloyd George hailed him as the man responsible for "a very distinct advance towards a final solution."

In short, his name was made.

Out of office in the first Socialist Government Sir Philip Lloyd-Greame formed so many business connections—Argentine Tramways, etc.—that he was loth to take up duty again under Baldwin in 1924. He became President of the Board of Trade, and then—in name—disappeared for ever.

His wife's mother had been a Miss Cunliffe-Lister, daughter of Lord Masham, who died leaving £1,567,606 from Bradford silk mills, wool textiles, and coal mines. Sir Philip inherited the Yorkshire estate of Swinton and a large fortune, changing his name to Cunliffe-Lister.

For the five years of Baldwin Government, 1924 to 1929, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister footed with safeguarding, which was the dodge to give the appearance of protection for industry without the reality.

He speaks English, too, and many people think he is not very good at that, either. He exaggerates his "o's" and pushes "y's" into almost every word in the oddest manner, giving an impression of affectation which is not in his character.

by

**WILLIAM
BARKLEY**

THE National Government made him Colonial Secretary. He put through a £2,000,000 loan for Palestine. He flew there and to the Near East and the East African colonies, inspecting air stations and making acquaintance with Air Force personnel; but there is nothing memorable about his administration in this office.

Then two years ago even Cunliffe-Lister vanished. He became Viscount Swinton and in a little while Secretary of State for Air.

The trouble about appraising him in this post is that his successes (and his failures) are secret. His bulb points cannot be enumerated. No one doubts his industry. He is at his office most days from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. His staff at the Air Ministry admire him greatly and speak with enthusiasm of his rapidity in grasping up decisions. They thank him for speeding-up decisions.

Lord Swinton visits the experimental establishments and the training schools. He is keen on flying and often uses his landing-ground at Swinton, and has been up in every type of modern machine except the single-seater, because he is not a pilot.

His sons are trained to fly, the elder having been in the Oxford air squadron and the younger in the Cambridge squadron now.

He speaks French well, even at table if he is entertaining business guests who are more familiar with his servants with that language.

He likes the cinema and the theatre. He took the visiting German Air Force officers to the stage version of "Victoria Regina." But he is not good at German.

He speaks English, too, and many people think he is not very good at that, either. He exaggerates his "o's" and pushes "y's" into almost every word in the oddest manner, giving an impression of affectation which is not in his character.

America Completes Army Mobilisation

Plans: ON WAR BASIS

Washington.

THE United States War Department has completed mobilisation plans under which 1,230,000 troops could be placed in the field within four months, while private industry would swing into immediate action to supply guns, munitions, food, clothing and other necessary war paraphernalia.

The plans were drawn by the Army general staff and are based on years of study of wartime strategy, particularly that developed after the United States was drawn into the World War. Specific details are being guarded carefully to prevent "leaks" to foreign powers.

The programme embraces 10,000 industrial plants which have secret agreements with the War Department and which overnight can be transformed into important supply depots. They were selected from among 20,000 plants which were canvassed to determine what specific tasks they could perform in event of war.

TWO METHODS OF RECRUITING

Two methods of recruiting troops are included in the plan. One provides universal conscription. The other calls for creation of citizens' committees which, in co-operation with 10,000 American Legion posts, would campaign for volunteers.

While these recruits are being enlisted the War Department would thrust 300,000 regular army and reserve forces into the field as shock troops. Further calls on both units can increase the total to 600,000 in 30 days, and, with the new recruits, to 1,230,000 within four months.

The plan does not contemplate government operation of the industrial plants. Military officials are said to feel that private operation under federal supervision is more efficient because there would be less chance of a break-down in the economic structure. This difficulty arose during the World War with disastrous effects on some supplies.

RESERVE SUPPLIES

In addition to what the mobilisation plan calls for, Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson has advocated a programme that would keep a six months supply of reserve equipment on hand at all times.

"That means," he said, "that we should always have an adequate supply of guns, anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns and light and heavy artillery, together with all types of ammunition, long-range guns, gas masks, airplanes and other equipment necessary to maintain an efficient war."

The former commander of the American Legion emphasised that he hoped the United States would never have to utilise its preparedness programme, but he pointed out that President Roosevelt had called for steps in this direction in his recent national defence message. He said that Congress also should take cognizance of the need for modernising seacoast and harbour defences, hasten expansion of the air corps, and enact the Administration bill to create an organised reserve of 150,000 former soldiers.

Port Darwin's Empty Hopes

Lonely Darwin, Australia's gateway on the Imperial air route, is in a quandary about its large and growing collection of empty bottles. It doesn't quite know what to do with them.

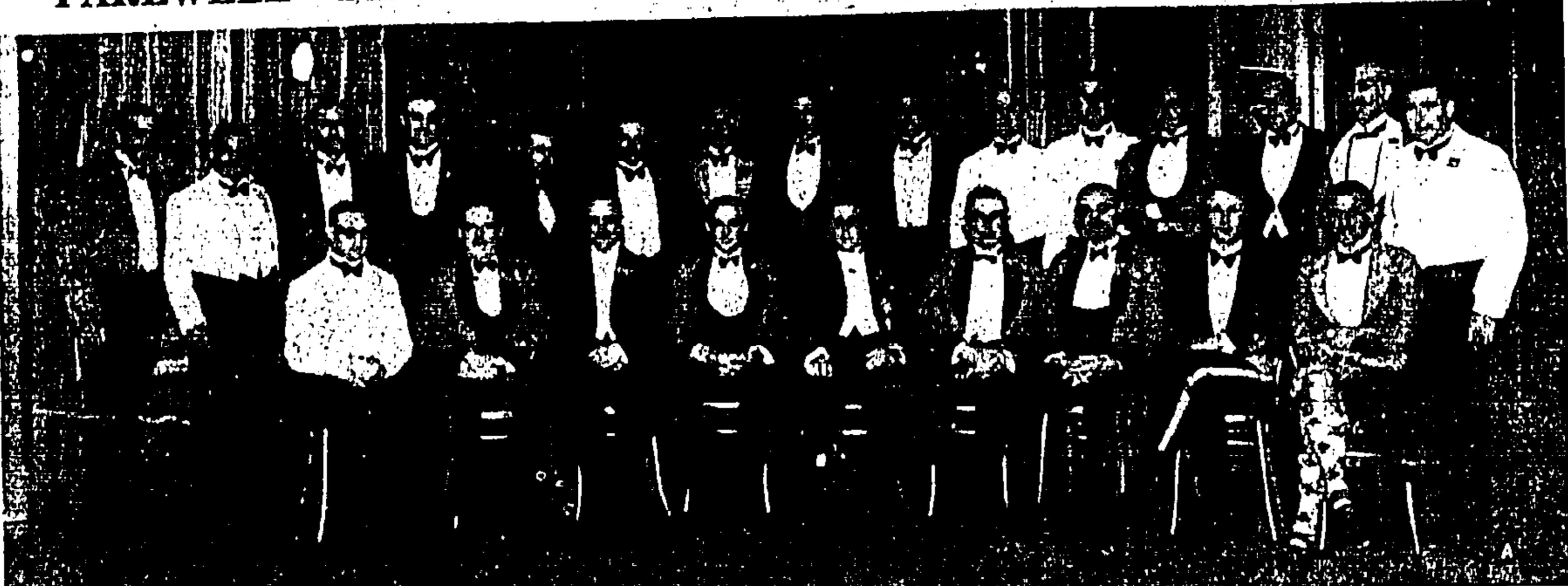
A recent offer by a Melbourne merchant to pay 3d a dozen for them raised hopes of a profitable export industry, and led almost at once to a wave of collecting enthusiasm on the part of small boys and even the formation of a syndicate by some of their elders. Large reserves of bottles quickly materialised without difficulty.

But on sober examination of the position both the enthusiasm and the syndicate have melted. Darwin is something over 3,000 miles by sea from Melbourne, and it is found that freight and handling charges would amount to 3d a dozen while costs at Melbourne would bring the total to 1/3d.

More than 600 cases of beer alone, each containing 48 bottles are landed each month at Darwin, and the empties have been scattered outside the town for a matter of years, says Austral News.

"So now, what's ask the residents of Darwin as they add to the 'marvel' growth of the district?"

FAREWELL DINNER TO HONGKONG RIFLE CLUB SECRETARY



BISLEY MEETING OF H.K.R.A. this week lends interest to this photograph, taken in Hongkong Hotel on occasion of farewell dinner to Major Steers, the retiring Hon. Secretary. His Excellency the Governor was present.—Ming Yuen.

Personalities of Old Hongkong

SIR PAUL CHATER WAS "GRAND OLD MAN" OF H.K.: POVERTY TO FABULOUS RICHES

He Saw Colony Grow To Proud Position

By T. Paul Gregory

PROBABLY THE MOST OUTSTANDING FIGURE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COLONY WAS SIR CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, WHO, DURING A CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE OF SOME SIXTY-TWO YEARS BECAME THE VERITABLE "GRAND OLD MAN" OF HONGKONG.

HIS CAREER OF SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT IS AS AMAZING AS ANY DEPICTED IN THE ROMANTIC FICTION OF HORATIO ALGER, OLIVER OPTIC OR GEORGE HENRY—THAT TRIO OF POPULAR AUTHORS—WHOSE BOOKS HAVE LONG BEEN THE JOY AND DELIGHT OF COUNTLESS JUVENILE READERS EVERYWHERE.

Sir Paul Chater was born in Calcutta, India, on September 8, 1846. He was the scion of an old Armenian family which had for generations settled in India. His father, Mr. Chater Paul Chater, was a clerk in the Government Service, and Sir Paul was the youngest of a family of thirteen.

The loss of both his parents at the age of nine thrust him early into the harsh world of reality, but owing to the kindness of the family physician, the lad was enabled to enter La Martiniere School as a founder.

At the completion of his education, he took the examination for the Indian Survey Department, but being persuaded by one of his sisters decided to come to Hongkong, with scarcely no more of this world's goods, young Chater's first endeavour was to secure some sort of employment. A sister in the Colony took him under her roof, and he eventually secured a humble position as a clerk in the long since defunct Bank of Hindustan, China and Japan.

The lad, now a strapping of eighteen, arrived in the Colony on April 1, 1864. His worldly possessions were limited to a chest of drawers, a few articles of clothing, and a number of books. Thus, like Benjamin Franklin who at the same age set foot in Philadelphia with scarcely no more of this world's goods, young Chater's first endeavour was to secure some sort of employment. A sister in the Colony took him under her roof, and he eventually secured a humble position as a clerk in the long since defunct Bank of Hindustan, China and Japan.

The young man continued in the services of this institution for nearly two years, and at length, fatigued with the monotony of the work and the obvious dearth of ultimate prospects, decided that he would go into business for himself as an Exchange Broker.

The courage of the youth in this decision was remarkable; for he had no capital of his own. His honesty and perseverance, however, had impressed the senior partner of Sassoon and Company, who determined to aid him in his enterprise. The faith of Mr. Sassoon was amply rewarded; for Sir Paul started off auspiciously enough and in the first month of business earned over \$800 as clear profit.

DIRECTED 20 COMPANIES

The versatility of Sir Paul's achievements affords material for many books, and his manifold activities in the Colony can not be adequately discussed within this brief article. He was the director of more than twenty companies, and many of them were, as he often proudly said "his babies". Two of them may be mentioned here, such as the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, which was started in 1884, and the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., which owes its inception to his guiding genius.

Sir Paul was also a leader of the community and was prominently identified with every public movement of importance in the locality, he added 16 and a more congenial environment for his home.



SIR PAUL CHATER

Member of the Executive Council, but also of the Justices of Peace of the Colony; for his appointment as J. P. dated back to January 1, 1882.

Mention, too, must be made of the fact that he was treasurer and afterwards Chairman of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Committee, and in 1897, he was furthermore nominated Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee. It was at this time that he received recognition from the Crown for his innumerable services in behalf of the community, and was created a C. M. G. In 1902, King Edward VII bestowed upon him the honour of knighthood.

In addition, he was a member of the Legion d'Honneur, and possessed a number of decorations from foreign monarchs, amongst them being the Order of the White Elephant, first class, of Siam.

It is of importance to state here that he was greatly interested in the cause of freemasonry in the Colony, and was District Grand Master of the English Grand Lodge, in which he held various offices for twenty-one years. He was, moreover, the only freemason to receive the 33rd degree outside the United Kingdom, and was likewise the Provincial Prior of the Knight Templars.

GIFT TO CHARITY

No article upon the life of Sir Paul Chater would be complete without a mention of his benevolence, and his numerous gifts to charity, to the Church, to the University of Hongkong, and to other public institutions. In fact, the amounts subscribed to different causes are so vast that they are difficult to fully enumerate, and as a criterion of his unbounded philanthropy those of the six years previous to his death are given below:

La Martiniere School, Calcutta Rs. 1,100,000
St. John's Cathedral \$ 250,000
St. Andrew's Church \$ 250,000
University of Hongkong \$ 250,000
Armenian Church, Calcutta Rs. 300,000
Union Church, Kowloon \$ 100,000
Union Church \$ 60,000
Ex-Service Men's Association \$ 55,000
Missions to Seamen \$ 50,000
Dr. Jordan Memorial Fund \$ 50,000
War Memorial Nursery Home \$ 25,000
St. Matthew's Church, London £ 2,500
Supreme Council 33° £ 2,000
Lord Mayor's Armenian Fund £ 1,500

Sir Paul Chater died on May 27, 1920, at his residence "Marble Hall" in Conduit Road, at the age of eighty.

No one better deserves the title by which he was so fondly known—Hongkong's "Grand Old Man."

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12.30—Raie Da Costa at the Piano. Butterflies In The Rain (Reeves and Myers); Everyone Says I Love You (From "Horse Feathers"); True (Samuels and Whitecup); A Thousand Goodnights (W. Donaldson).

1.30 Harry Roy and His Orchestra. Memories Of You; Rain; Goodbye Blues; I Don't Mean A Thing; Happy Feet; Everybody Loves My Baby; I Got Rhythm; Fox-Trot Medley Nos. 3 and 4; Intro: "Robert-e-Ice"; I want to be happy'; "I ain't got nobody"; Birth of the Blues'; Chloe'; Shine; On Harvest Moon'; Waltz; Medley; Intro: "Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life"; Falling In Love Again'; Charmin'; Rainona'; Missouri Waltz'; What'll I Do?

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Elsie Carlisle and Jack Hylton and His Orchestra. "Anything Goes"—Selection (Cole Porter). Orchestra; He's An Angel (Hodges); With All My Heart (From "Her Master's Voice")... Elsie Carlisle with Orchestral Accomp.; Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye—Fox-Trot (Cole Porter); When A Woman Smiles—Fox-Trot (Vivian Ellis)... Orchestra; This'll Make You Whistle.

Fox-Trot (From the Film); There Isn't Any Limit To My Love—Fox-Trot (From "This'll make you Whistle")... Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Tchaikovsky — Nutcracker Suite, Op. 71A.

Played by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

2.00 Orchestral.

Divertissement (Variations from the Ballet "The Sleeping Beauty"—Tchaikovsky—Op. 66)...Orchestra Symphonique de Paris conducted by E. Szigeti.

2.15 Close Down.

2.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—A Sweet Beginning Like This... Leo Reisman and The Piccolino (From "Top Hat") His Orchestra... Fred Astaire with Leo Reisman and His Orchestra; Tango-Venetian Moon (From "The Wall")...Geraldo and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—No Other One... Little Jack Little and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—East Of The Sun; Slow Fox-Trot—When You Grow Up; Little Lady... Lew Stone and His Band; Slow Fox-Trot To Your Eyes (From "Shrimps Forever"); Fox-Trot—I'd Love To Take Orders From You (From "Shrimps Forever")... Jacques Renard and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—A Rendezvous With A

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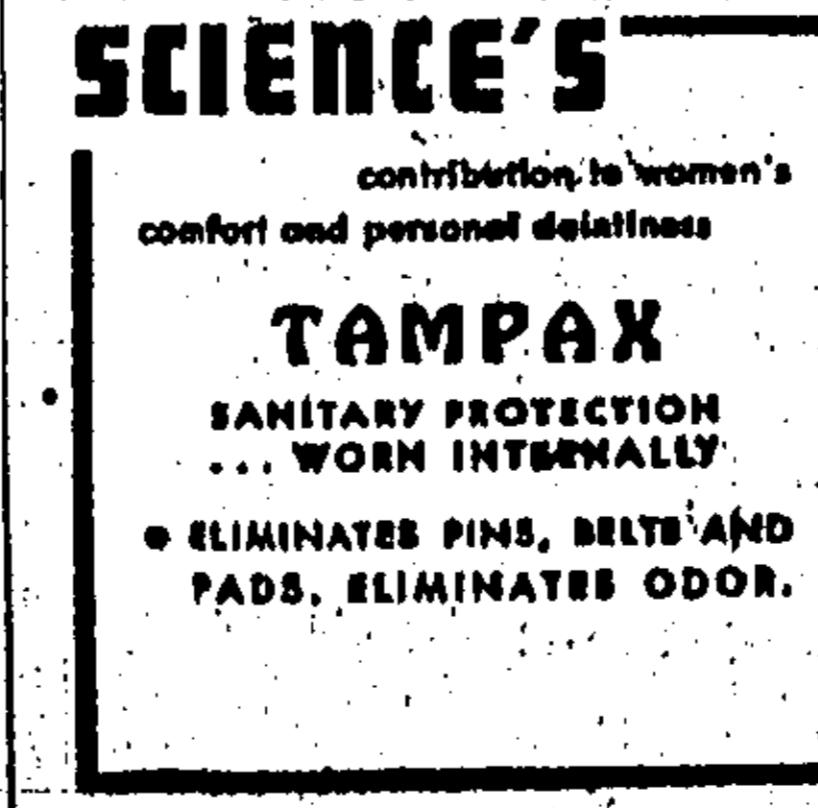
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FAMOUS GOLFERS PASS THROUGH THE COLONY

Hagen And Kirkwood On Way To Japan.

Unknown to most golfers in the Colony, Walter Hagen, the famous American professional and one of the world personalities in the game, passed through Hongkong over the week-end in company with Joe Kirkwood, known as the "wizard of the links."

An attempt was earlier made to induce the two famous players to give an exhibition in Faulung over the week-end; but apparently nothing could be fixed up.

As a matter of fact, Hagen and Kirkwood were in port for only a few hours. They arrived here from Manila on the Victoria on Saturday morning and left again on the same boat about 1 p.m. An exhibition here would have meant staying over for a few days, but as the two famous players have engagements elsewhere, they could not delay their departure.

Much disappointment was also felt in Manila owing to their inability to give an exhibition there. They remained in that port only a few hours.

Hagen was the first American-born player to win the British Open and thereafter he annexed it on three occasions. He has twice been American Open champion, American professional champion on several occasions and has won many major tournaments. One of the greatest personalities of the game, he was captain of the United States' Ryder Cup team at Southport last year.

TRICK SHOT MASTER

Kirkwood is a master of trick golf shots and is the ideal player for exhibitions. He has a fine record in open golf events, having taken high prizes in the British Open Championship on many occasions. Added to his achievements, he has a magnetic personality which attracts the crowds wherever he goes.

SCOTTISH SOCCER

Two Senior Games Played Yesterday

London, Apr. 12. Two matches in the First Division of the Scottish Football League were played to-day, the results being as follows:

Partick	1	Third Lanark	3
St. Mirren	3	Motherwell	0
—Reuter			

SPLENDID TENNIS PROMISED

Young Tsui Meets H. D. Rumjahn

(By "Abc")

What is generally expected to be the more even of the two semi-final matches in the Colony Open Tennis Singles Championship will be played on the stand-court of the Hongkong C.C. this afternoon when Tsui Yun-pui meets H. D. Rumjahn, the holder of the title.

Until last week, there were many who had thought that despite his great promise, young Tsui's game had not developed sufficiently to enable him to beat an experienced player like the present champion; since then, however, Tsui has defeated Paul Kong very impressively and Rumjahn was nearly eliminated by W. C. Hung, who is not regarded as a serious singles challenger. Prospects for this afternoon, therefore, are very open indeed.

Whoever wins, some splendid tennis is assured. While Rumjahn is sound rather than brilliant in the majority of his shots with no palpable weakness in any one department, Tsui has a decided weakness overhead. The Indian would appear to have the advantage at the net but the Chinese off-sets this by his steadiness from the base-line.

AGA KHAN HAS FINE DERBY CANDIDATES

Khan Bahadur May Be Best Of Colts

By Watchman

London, Mar. 18. Few things in our time have been more remarkable than the prodigious success of the Aga Khan, who last year headed the list of winning owners for the sixth time in the past nine seasons. His average winnings during that period have been little short of £40,000 each season. And he has won the Derby three times within a relatively short racing career.

Further, he possesses to-day a wonderful group of stud horses, which bring in a big annual revenue in the shape of subscription fees. It is true that for 10 years or more he went towards commanding success by the expenditure of a vast amount on young bloodstock, yet other men have spent money lavishly in the same direction without reaping an adequate reward.

At one time last season it was doubtful whether the Aga Khan would finish at the head of the list. Then came the astonishing successes of his two-year-olds.

In midsummer it seemed probable that he would sweep the classic board in 1938, but towards the close of the season the triumphant career of his youngsters was checked, and the classic outlook became less rosy for him.

Still, he has a fine batch of three-year-olds, and it would be imprudent to predict that classic honours will not come his way again. Frank Butters, who, as we discussed the colt, declared with some emphasis, "he will stay all right." The view seems to be supported by the fact that Bahadur, three-parts brother to him, has won over a mile and a half.

Mirza II. has grown in substance and strength. Few colts of his age

I have seen lately have made better progress. Great interest will attach to his earliest appearances. He has been entered for a mile race at Lingfield and will probably be tested there, though the chances seem to be that the brilliant son of Binhemahumaz Mahal will remain a great sprinter.

Although Tahir is a Tetratema colt

there is a fair chance that the Derby

course will not be too far for him.

Thus, at least, is the belief of Frank

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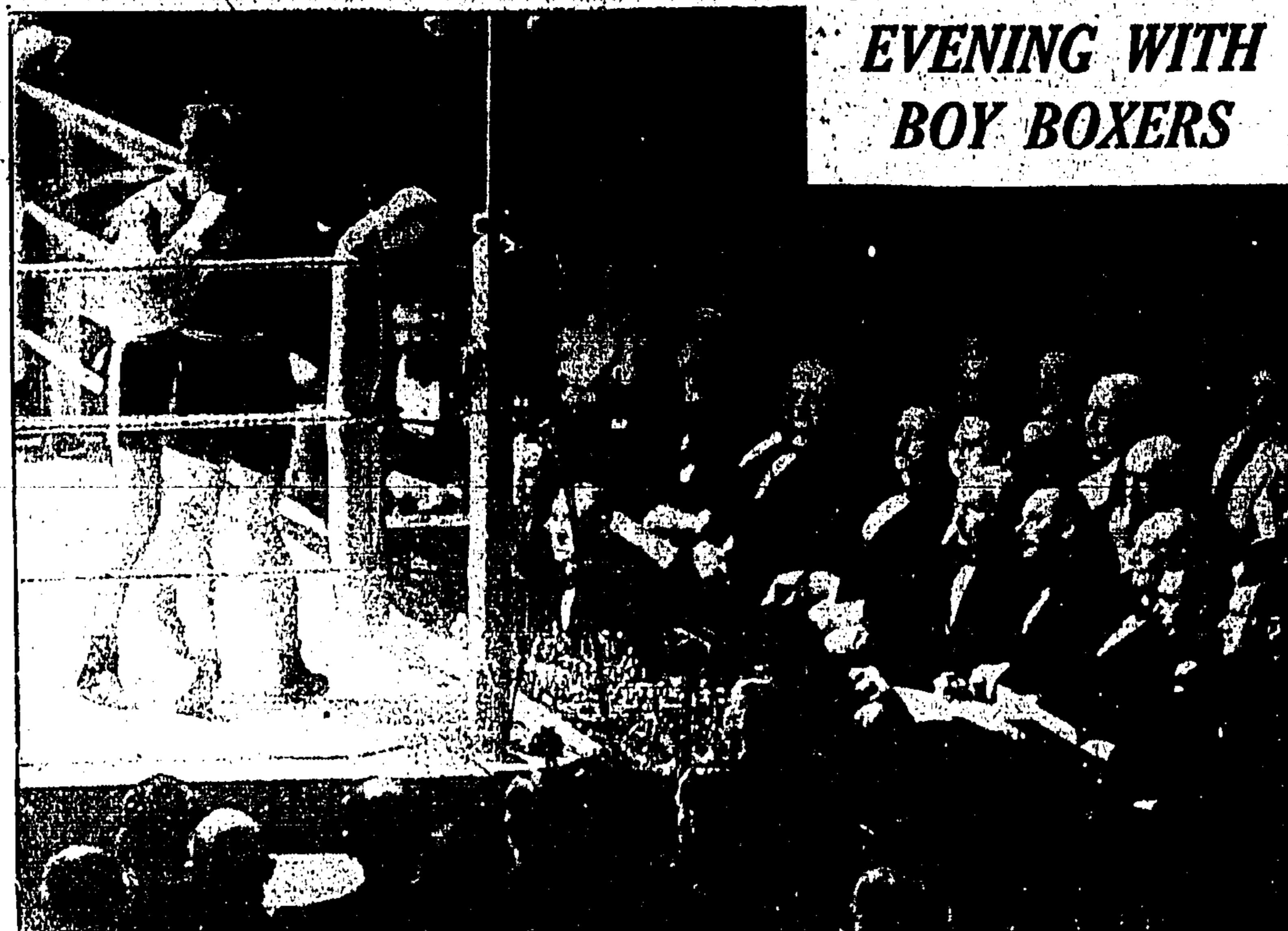
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MIRZA II.'S DEVELOPMENT

I was particularly struck with the

development of Mirza II., one of the

EVENING WITH BOY BOXERS



THE KING and his brother, the Duke of Gloucester (fourth from right) watching a fight at the Albert Hall, when the finals of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs championships were decided.

SURPRISE RANKING OF BOXERS

Max Baer is Placed Third Behind Louis, Schmeling; Farr Said Fifth

New York, Mar. 28. Sports scribes throughout the country were surprised to-day when the National Boxing Association issued its quarterly list of ranking boxers in all divisions.

Although little exception was taken to the choices for first places, the selections made by the N.B.A. for second and third ranking fighters resulted in bitter controversies.

The ranking of Max Baer, recent victor Tommy Farr, British Empire champion, as the third best heavyweight was perhaps the most notable change in the listing as compared with the previous group of selections.

Joe Louis was placed at the head of the heavyweights. He was followed by Max Schmeling and Max Baer. Tony Galento, despite his suspension due to an injury to meet Harry Thomas, was ranked fourth much to the surprise of many writers.

FARR RANKED FIFTH

Tommy Farr received fifth place and Gunnar Lund sixth. Nathan Mann, Bob Pastor, Red Burman, Al McCoy and Jimmy Adamick were ranked next in order. The ranking of Burman and McCoy, neither of whom has displayed class or scored any notable victories in recent months, proved somewhat of an upset.

John Henry Lewis, negro world light-heavyweight champion, topped the cruiseweights and he was followed by Al Galner, another negro and who is generally considered by the majority of critics as the leading contender in this weight class.

Freddie Steele, world middleweight champion, retained his top position despite the walloping he received at the hands of Freddie Apostol early in January. Young Corbett III, former world welterweight champion, is ranked second, largely because of his fine victory over Apostol.

There were no comments on the choices for the welterweights. Barney Ross, the world champion, being given first place. Ceferino Garcia, Filipino boxer and leading contender, was ranked second.

AMBERS FIRST

Lou Ambers and Pedro Montanez were ranked first and second in the lightweight class. Ambers is world champion. Henry Armstrong, despite the fact that he was picked as the leader of the 135-pound group by "Ring Magazine" for 1937, was not ranked.

The miniature Brown Bomber, as Armstrong is known, however, led the featherweights by virtue of his holding the world title. Freddie Miller, former champion, was ranked second, above Petey Sarro, his former conqueror.

Sixto Escobar was adjudged world champion in the bantamweight class because of his recent win over Harry Jeffra, who beat the Puerto Rican fighter last September for the title. Jeffra, however, was surprisingly topped by Pancho Villa, Mexican champion and no relation to the original fighter of the same name. Villa failed to make the first "ten" ranking of "Ring Magazine" which based its selections on the choices of leading boxing writers throughout the United States.

Benny Lynch of Scotland headed the flyweight group for he has never been beaten since he won the world title from Small Montana. Jackie Jurich, generally considered as the best American 112-pounder, was ranked second despite the whipping which he took at the hands of Little Man of the Philippines last year. —United Press.

JAPAN MAY YET LOSE OLYMPICS Depends Upon International Exposition

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

If the International Exposition in Japan scheduled to open March 15, 1940 and to last until August 31 of that year is prolonged, foreign countries sending representatives to the Olympic Games in Tokyo opening on September 21 might recall them.

This warning has been given by Count Latour, chairman of the International Olympic Committee, to the Japanese Ambassador in Brussels, according to an official dispatch reaching the Foreign Minister, Kokichi Hirota, from the envoy to-day.

Count Latour, the dispatch added, asked the Ambassador to give a definite reply by May 8 on the projected prolongation of the exposition. In case Japan fails to do so, he suggested, the International Olympic Committee would be obliged, when it meets at Lausanne, to cancel Tokyo as the venue of the 1940 Games.

Holding that it is not their desire to postpone the Games because of the exposition, the authorities here are anxious to reach a compromise.—Reuter.

More Pay For Test Cricketers

By Ronald T. Symond

London, Mar. 9. Changes in the pay and treatment of Test match professionals which follow the lines advocated in *The Daily Mail* during the last few years were approved yesterday by the M.C.C. Board of Control of Test Matches at home.

During the series with Australia in the coming season pay will be £50 per man per match, plus rail fares and hotel expenses—the last with a proviso that the player must stay in the hotel specified by the Selection Committee.

This arrangement ensures that in future we shall not hear of players being spread over various localities, out of touch with each other and their captain.

During the last visit here of the Australian team in 1934, English players received £40 per match, with an end-of-season payment of a further £10 per match and bonus of £10. From this the players paid their own rail and hotel expenses.

If, as is probable, an equivalent payment from the profits of the tour is made this year, a player taking part in all five Tests will receive £250 more than in 1934.

FOUR SELECTORS

The board, which met at Lord's, also decided to increase the strength of the Test Selection Committee from three to four, and elected Sir William Warner (chairman), aged 64;

Mr. P. Perrin, 61;

Mr. A. B. Sellers, 31; and

Mr. M. J. Turnbull, 31.

Sir Pelham ("Plum") Warner has served on several Test Selection Committees. He is a former Middlesex County and M.C.C. captain. Mr. ("Percy") Perrin, until only 10 or 12 years ago, was a regular member of the Essex County side, noted for his breezy batting. Mr. Sellers is the Yorkshire County captain, and Maurice Turnbull leads the Glamorgan side.

On February 17, *The Daily Mail* exclusively forecast the first three names in this list.

General satisfaction will be felt over the choice of selectors, particularly in view of the inclusion of two active players.

A request has been addressed to the Indian cricket authorities asking them to agree to the employment of the eight-ball over during their matches in England in 1939.

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BOWLS PROGRAMME**League Matches Commence
On April 30**

Lawn Bowls League matches commence on April 30. The programme for all divisions for the first three weeks is as follows:

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 First Division	
Kowloon B.G.C.	v. Civil Service C.C.
Docks R.C.	v. Kowloon C.C.
Recreio	v. Craigengower C.C.
Indian I.L.C.	v. Police R.C.
Second Division	
Civil Service	v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Craigengower C.C.	v. Taikoo
Hkong F.C. "B"	v. Recreio
Hkong F.C. "A"	v. Police
THIRD DIVISION	
Craigengower	v. Kowloon F.C.
Kowloon C.C.	v. Hongkong F.C.
Kowloon Tong	v. Yacht Club
Recreio	v. Hongkong Electric
SATURDAY, APRIL 27 First Division	
Craigengower	v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Kowloon C.C.	v. Recreio
Police	v. Civil Service
Indian R.C.	v. Kowloon Docks
Second Division	
Kowloon B.G.C.	v. Craigengower
Recreio	v. Civil Service
Hkong F.C. "B"	v. Hongkong F.C. "A"
Taikoo	v. Police
THIRD DIVISION	
Kowloon F.C.	v. Kowloon Tong
Craigengower	v. Recreio
Hkong F.C.	v. Hongkong F.C.
SATURDAY, MAY 14 First Division	
Craigengower	v. Police
Kowloon C.C.	v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Kowloon Docks	v. Recreio
Civil Service	v. Indian R.C.
Second Division	
Hkong F.C. "A"	v. Civil Service
Craigengower	v. Recreio
Kowloon B.G.C.	v. Hongkong F.C. "B"
Recreio	v. Kowloon F.C.
Hkong Tong	v. Kowloon C.C.
Hkong Electric	v. Craigengower

EASTER GOLF**Happy Valley Club To
Play Kowloon**

The Happy Valley Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will play at the Kowloon Golf Club in a match at Happy Valley on Friday, April 15. The starting times are as follows:

Happy Valley		Kowloon	
8.00 a.m.	R. Young v. T. D. Paton	8.04 a.m.	E. T. Rodger v. W. A. Stewart
8.08 a.m.	F. T. McMullen v. G. Milne	8.12 a.m.	R. G. Parker v. A. L. Eastman
8.16 a.m.	A. D. Humphreys v. F. C. Barry	8.20 a.m.	H. H. Mundy v. J. D. Thomson
8.24 a.m.	W. S. Hillier v. A. A. Long	8.28 a.m.	J. E. Lovell v. H. J. Mould
8.32 a.m.	J. A. D. Selby v. W. V. Ahern	8.36 a.m.	G. E. Willerton v. E. O. Murphy
8.40 a.m.	P. J. Bookler v. G. G. Anderson	8.44 a.m.	D. Humphreys v. J. W. Bastin
8.48 a.m.	G. T. May v. W. M. Groves	8.52 a.m.	N. J. Bookler v. E. M. Hanlon
8.56 a.m.	W. J. Butler v. T. Henderson	9.00 a.m.	A. D. Humphreys v. W. V. Stoker
Reserves		P. Buckle v. E. H. Watt	
10.04 a.m.	N. J. Bebbington v. M. A. Cairns	10.08 a.m.	

ANOTHER HOLE IN ONE

Mrs. S. Helberg, last week, holed the sixth hole (100 yards) at Deepwater Bay in one. Mr. H. Owen Hughes, therefore, when he holed out in one at Panting on Sunday, was the second person within a week to have accomplished this feat.

She's a Constant Shock to Cary Grant

This artist's sketch of Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn accurately represents the flabbergasted mood of costar Grant throughout the wild dolours of "Bringing Up Baby," which brings Miss Hepburn as a madcap hazing of a mild college professor. She goes in for riotous comedy mingled with romance. The film's "baby" is a leopard of which Miss Hepburn is guardian.

**TELEVISING
EPSOM DERBY
THIS YEAR**

London, Apr. 12.

The directors of the Epsom Grand Stand Association, after conferring with officials of the British Broadcasting Corporation, decided to withdraw their embargo on televising of the Derby this year.

SCHOOL SPORTS

The Diocesan Girls' School will hold their school sports in the school grounds on Thursday, April 14, at 2 p.m. Mr. Solis, the Senior Inspector of Schools, has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at 4 p.m. All parents and friends of the school are cordially invited.

Part of the proceeds collected from entry fees for the different events is being sent to the Students' Belief Association.

**Aga Khan
Has Good
Derby Horses**

(Continued from Page 8.)

of Austria, all of whom will be valuable for the paddocks when their racing days are over.

Among this owner's older horses Sultan Mahomed is the best. Heelbug affected him badly last year. His trainer thinks he would have won the Aintree Derby had the luck of the race gone with him. Perhaps the grey son of Mossine will make amends in this year's Cup races.

As usual, the stable is well off for two-year-olds of high breeding and promise. Sixteen of them belong to the Aga Khan. I would award a leading place to Sadri, who is by Solaro from Friar's Daughter, the dam of Dastur and Babram. Clearly one of the most attractive of all these youngsters, he possesses more substance and scope than Mahmood, his brother to Mahmud, who is an elegant colt, if a little on the small side.

MAY RUN FOR FRENCH DERBY

Among the allies Persian Folly, by Dastur—Lady Lawless, takes the lead. Veracilla, a sister to Vermell, is one to look out for early in the season. The Begum Aga Khan is represented in the stable by Dardanelles II, who, if all goes well with him, is likely to be trained for the French Derby. Princess Aly Khan has the fine-looking Xandover colt Neuvy, who was jarred when he won at Goodwood and so did not run again.

Six two-year-olds and two three-year-olds are owned by Prince Aly Khan, who also has Praxiteles II. Sastaralla, cheaply bought by Prince Aly Khan from his father's batch of sale yearlings, has grown into a magnificent filly, and I expect big things this year of the staying daughter of Solaro. One would not hesitate to describe her as the young Queen of the stable, if it were not for the presence of Radiant, who seems to me to have done as well as could be expected since her two-year-old days. Miss Dorothy Paget has never had any reason to regret having given 11,500 gns. for Radiant.

15,000 GNS. SPECULATION

Considerably more of a speculation at the yearling sales was the Golden Hair colt, and as I stood in his box I wondered how much of the 15,000 gns. paid for him by his enterprising owner will come back. Even if it was not realised at Doncaster, it was manifest last season that the son of Fairway might be handicapped by lack of inches.

A grandly-topped colt, he is wonderfully compact. But one cannot help thinking that he could do with being higher from the ground. How he will shape in the now season depends to a large extent on his freedom from the knee trouble which interrupted his two-year-old career.

Miss Paget has seven two-year-olds in the stable. The Solaro-Fair Palm filly seems likely to

**OUR GUIDE
TO THE
CINEMAS**

"Madame X" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Her old hat fetchingly refurbished with the latest Hollywood chisel. Madame X is making a valiant comeback with her famous somersault-from-grace routine. The story was conceived some 30 years ago, but has stood the test of time. This role is now taken by Gladys George who, with the help of Warren William and John Beal, makes it one of "Bringing Up Baby" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Reviewed yesterday, this picture proved to be somewhat similar to "The Awful Truth" treatment and as such scores just as heavily. In the leading roles, Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant are fortunate in that the situations are already well-made, and they therefore go through their parts without special effort. Howard Hawks, the director, has made the most of his story, and the result is a fine picture, evenly-balanced and definitely entertaining. The "baby" is a pet leopard, which helps Hepburn to get her man. The famed tragedienne of the screen has now had her opportunity of being a comedienne, and makes a good job of it too.

"Back In Circulation" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—American version of the methods employed by a go-ahead newspaper. It is a bright film from start to finish, punctuated by a laugh almost every minute. Drama and humour well-fixed. Joan Blondell and Pat O'Brien are the principals, and carry off the acting honours.

"Mountain Justice" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—The title gives a very good idea of what the story is about. If further elucidation is necessary, it may be added that it is a good show. Josephine Hutchinson and George Brent provide the romantic interest.

"Men Are Not Gods" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Chief interest in this film is that it is a British picture with the American star, Miriam Hopkins, in the principal role. Alexander Korda can be relied upon to bring something unusual to the screen, and it is an unusual story.

BOUTS IN AMERICA

Pittsburgh, Apr. 11.—"Tiger" Jack Fox, 181½ lbs., of Spokane, beat Jack Trammell, 183 lbs., of Youngstown, on points in a ten round contest here to-day.

At Mobile, Alabama, Petty Surron beat John Green, of New York, also on points, in a ten round lightweight bout.—United Press.

justify the toll price she made at the Sledmere sale.

Sir Alfred Butt begins the season with a string of 14, including Near Relation, for whom there is plenty of scope in long races, and Noble Star, who can never do himself justice when interrupted his two-year-old career.

Other patrons of the stable are Mr. T. Lunt, Mr. A. W. Gordon and Mr. John Dawson.

Fitz Roy House opens the new flat campaign with strength at every point, and we can expect to find it once again fighting out the championship of the stables.

**LEAGUE FOOTBALL****Fixtures Arranged For
Easter Holidays**

Local football fixtures arranged for the Easter Holidays include the Junior Shield Final on Saturday, and the Junior Interport Trial and the final match to decide the Third Division Championship on Sunday. The complete programme is as follows:

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16
First Division**

St. Joseph's v. Middlesex (Sookunpo), 4:45 p.m. Referee, Barton. Linesmen, Edwards and McElroy. South China "B" v. Kowloon (Caroline Hill), 4:45 p.m. Referee, Goss. Linesmen, McLaughlin and Brothwell.

Junior Shield Final

Ordnance v. Kwong Wah (Kowloon), 4 p.m. Referee, Finch. Linesmen, Silva and Clarke.

Second Division

Chinese Sappers v. Police (Club), 3:15 p.m. Referee, Fraser. 5th Bde. R.A. v. Club (Sookunpo), 3:15 p.m. Referee, Johns. Kowloon v. Middlesex (Chatham Road), 4:45 p.m. Referee, Dove. Royal Scots v. Eastern (Caroline Hill), 3:15 p.m. Referee, Stone.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17**Junior Interport Trial**

Possibles v. Probables (Club), 3:45 p.m. Referee, Silva. Third Division Championship Portuguese Sporting Assn. v. Medical Corps (Club), 5 p.m. Referee, Kosick.

MONDAY, APRIL 18**Second Division**

Chinese Sappers v. Eastern (Causeway Bay), 3:15 p.m. Referee, Silva.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**Second Division**

European Sappers v. Royal Scots (Sookunpo), 4:45 p.m. Referee, Hartley.

Chinese Sappers v. 5th Bde. R.A. (Sookunpo), 3:15 p.m. Referee, Dove.

OLD BOYS' ATHLETICS

The first Annual Athletic Meet of the Wah Yan Past Students' Association will be held at the South China Athletic Association ground, Caroline Hill, on Sunday, April 17, commencing at 10 a.m. Mr. Peter Trui will distribute the prizes.

SPORT ADVTS.**THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB.**

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th and MONDAY, 18th April, 1938, commencing at 12.30 p.m. each day.

The First Bell will be rung at 12.00 NOON, and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chls, &c.

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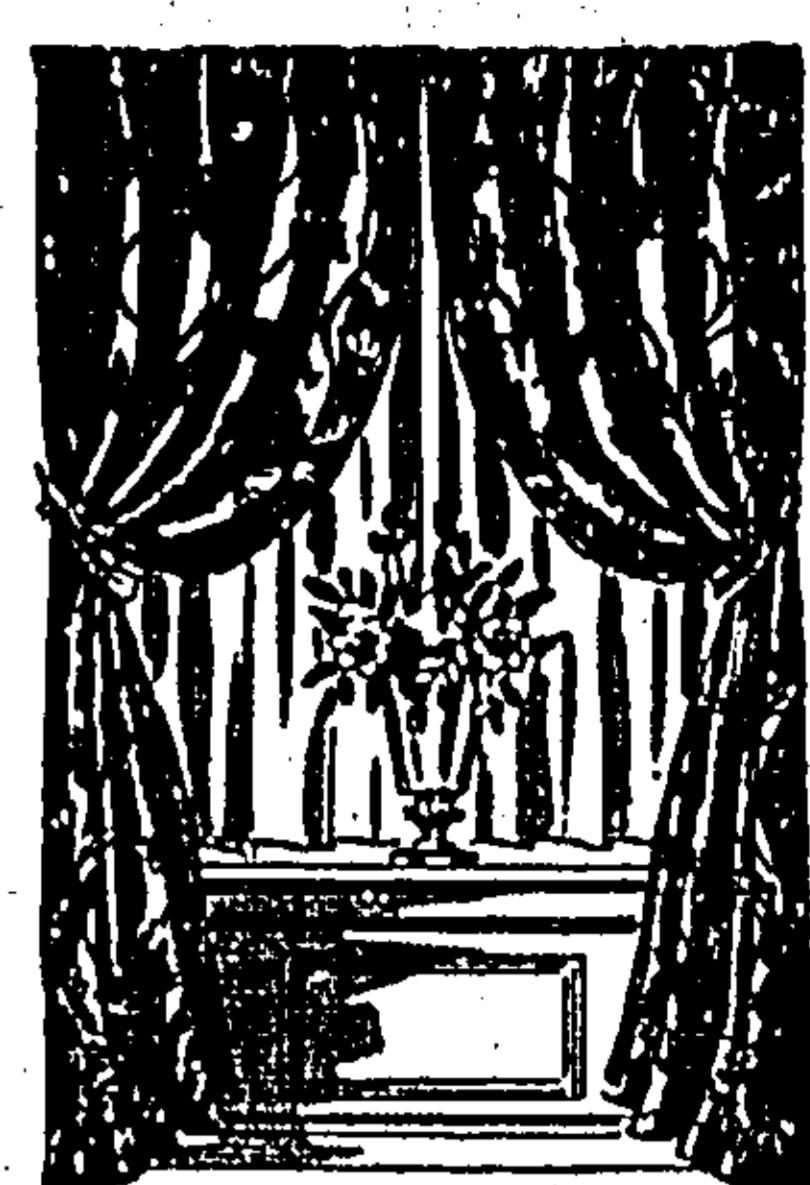
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SIGNORINA: Anni, a singer in a waterfront cafe in Trieste, is in love with Rudolpho, postman. Her future is only for two weeks and is the result of the wealthy Count Armalda whom, who has a theory that chance alone makes people what they are. Anni has met Giulio, the village postman, and is involuntarily drawn to him but does not dare to tell the postulant Rudi Pal interrupts them. At dinner that evening Anni had received a note from him which she had destroyed, unread. But she is unaware that Rudi is a friend of the Count's.

Chapter Four

Unobtrusively, Anni withdrew her fingers from Giulio's. She watched a twinkling star and thought how unimportant human beings must seem when viewed from the heavens.

"Good night, Signorina," Giulio said and she heard his feet retreating swiftly over the grass. The tumult that had been momentarily in her heart for the postman, died leaving her with the emptiness of regret.

It was dark eyes were fixed on her pleadingly. He had come to apologize to you. I'm about that note. It was my very good friend, the retired Admiral Monti, who sent it to you. He imagined he knew you from somewhere."

In quick terror, Anni demanded, "From where?"

He said hastily, "Please don't give it a thought. The Admiral has all the impetuosity of a middle-aged man with nothing to lose. Do my

Rudi had asked Maddelona to

anticipation and then, as Rudi spoke again, the floor rocked beneath him. "Signorina Vivaldi, may I present the Contessa di Molina, my fiancée?"

Fiancée. Bitter laughter rose to her throat and was checked. Ah, but she also might have known. It was just such a fragile, sheltered young woman that the Count had chosen for his wives. She was weak with disappointment. Then she grew aware of the Contessa. There was actual dislike in the woman's glance. This brought her up, gave her courage. Intuitively, she knew that the Contessa was on the defensive, from Maddelona. Suddenly she considered her a dangerously attractive woman.

Rudi waved to the Admiral. There was a mischievous gleam in his eye. "And Admiral Monti of course, you know intimately."

She seemed to rise in stature as she saw the man's perturbation. "My memory's terribly poor, Admiral. Please forgive me."

He bent and kissed her hand. "Very well, I remember an old duffer like me, Signorina. But how wonderfully well you are looking."

Sent to their table, Anni skillfully fenced with them as fair questions came thick and fast. Yes, she said equally, this was her first visit to Trieste in many years. The last time had been at the age of five, when she had come with her mother and Count Arnaldo. Surprised. Excited sensations. Did they have mutual friends? In "Tales of The Reinhardts"? The Kalmans? No, Anni was sorry but apparently they did not.

Through it all she was aware of their eyes. Rudi's and the Admiral's, admiring. Maddelona's, sweetly friendly and the Contessa's, barely veiling her antagonism.

Rudi had asked Maddelona to

She danced and soon it was as if she really were alone with him.

We have forgotten—

THE formal demand for her hand, following a discreet approach to her father, was the Victorian maiden's great moment. She blushed. He was kneeling, of course, and it was all so sudden.

Seven recently married women have told me that they could not remember any actual "Will you marry me?" during their courtship.

Years ago a young man and I decided that if neither had married anybody else by the time we were thirty-five, we would marry each other. Two years later we married—at twenty-six—and I cannot remember any intervening proposal. Seven months with a man, but marriage deepens and a friendship becomes intense.

Understanding grows, feelings age and love had never been more intense.

She received one day this mysterious telegram: SALARY RAISED

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PARENTS AND BILL CAN?

Bill gave the clue, being a mutual friend and a useful kind of "best man." She rushed to him and

you understand."

Anni turned a long and steady gaze on the Admiral. "I accept your apology," she said coldly. "And thank you for bringing it." Deliberately, she turned her back and gave her attention to the silvery lawn. "I—uh—was also to invite you to join us to have a liqueur." She was silent. "Please don't be angry. We're really very nice people."

At that she faced him. Sure of herself now. She was handling him right. His persistence was the telling result. "But I don't know you. I'm not accustomed to sitting at strange tables on command."

He bowed. "My name is Rudolph Pal and please believe me it was an invitation, not a command."

She liked the clipped, cultured accent of his voice, his easy gallantry. An attractive fellow, she admitted to herself. That disarming grin, for instance. It could set a girl heart to fluttering.

"At least we share each other's names," she murmured. There came the sound of the peasant music again and piercing through the muted harmony, was Giulio's flute carrying the melody into the night. Her fingers curled into her palms. "It's lovely."

It's lovely. "You'll get used to it—like the bus traps in the sand at the back of the hotel. After while you don't even notice them."

"But I want to notice it. I like the music."

"You like it at first. Then it becomes stupid and naive and obvious like the peasants themselves."

She traced a smile on the railing, an oral wistfully. "They're having a picnic tonight."

"Soggy, black bread, and wet grass." He shook his head. "It's fashionable I know, to think that the simple and humble things in life are best. They're nothing of the kind. In my opinion, most people prefer mardines to caviar simply because most people have never tasted caviar."

She had heard him out in silence. Now she quivered a little as the overconfident emotions battled within her. Giulio and Rudi were so different. Yet, you just a short time ago the moonlight and a postman with crystal-clear eyes had mesmerized her senses. But that had been Anni, the girl from Trieste. And she was Anne Vivaldi who was here now and all the things of Rudi's world.

"I think you're right, Signor Pal," she said slowly.

If he held out his arm. "Everyone calls me Rudi and the music has started for dancing. Please—"

Her chin went up and her eyes sparkled. As they moved through the brightly lit room, she had now assurance, a vague kind of purpose that showed itself in every set of her head. What her goal was, she neither knew nor cared at the moment. It sufficed that there was one, its glimmering outlines faintly indicated.

They had reached the table at which sat the Admiral, Monti and the two women that Anni had noticed before.

Gaily, Rudi addressed them. "The Infantry has succeeded where the Navy failed. She is ours!"

Anni had a second or delicious

THEATRICAL CHORUS

THE THEATRICAL CHORUS, TODAY MERELY A SHOWY BACKGROUND, BEGAN IN ANCIENT GREECE AS THE IMPORTANT PIVOT OF A PERFORMANCE, THE CHORUS LEADER CONDUCTING A DIALOGUE WITH THE LONE ACTOR. AESCHYLUS, 6TH CENTURY GREEK DRAMATIST, BEGAN REDUCING THE CHORUS IMPORTANCE BY ADDING ANOTHER ACTOR.

MANTelpieces

IN THE EARLY CHRISTIAN ERA, THE ONLY SEMBLANCE TO A TABLE IN MOST HOUSES WAS A BOARD RUNNING AROUND THE SIDE OF THE ROOM. THIS BOARD FROM WHICH GUESTS ATE, FURNISHED THE IDEA OF THE MANTelpiece, LATER BUILT OVER THE FIREPLACE.

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NEW RECORDS

"CARMEN" is certainly one of the beloved operas ever written. With that one work Bizet's name is assured of perpetual remembrance and his music has become the common property of everyone. Yet for every thousand who whistle the "Toreador's Song" there are probably only a very few who know that once Bizet wrote a symphony and a very pretty little one.

It has just been recorded by the London Philharmonic Orchestra under Walter Goehr for H.M.V.

I command it to your notice, not because it is an outstandingly good piece of symphonic writing (which it undoubtedly isn't) but because all of it is pleasant to hear, and

some of the music, notably the quick faire movement, is enchanting.

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Among light music records there is a good piece of swing from H.M.V. called "The first time I met you," played by Benny Bergman's orchestra, and another done by Tommy Dorsey's orchestra called "Night and Day." Both of these are fairly highbrow as swing goes nowadays in this country.

Rather more conventional is a good performance by Roy Fox's orchestra of a fox-trot, "I've got my love to keep me warm," with "This year's kisses" on its reverse side (Col.).

S.G.

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Cars, woods, the Whispering Gallery at St. Paul's, queuing at a cafeteria, Christmas shopping, in fact, washing up at his mother's house and at a football match (while bickering opposite sides) are a few "proposal grounds" I have been told to wed.

But for all this uncertainty about accepted proposals nobody forgets one that was declined.

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ONE girl I know had three proposals when still very young—in a tuxedo, in the middle of a dance floor, and on a tennis court.

And all from men of whose feelings she had absolutely no idea and to whom she had given no encouragement whatever. She refused the lot.

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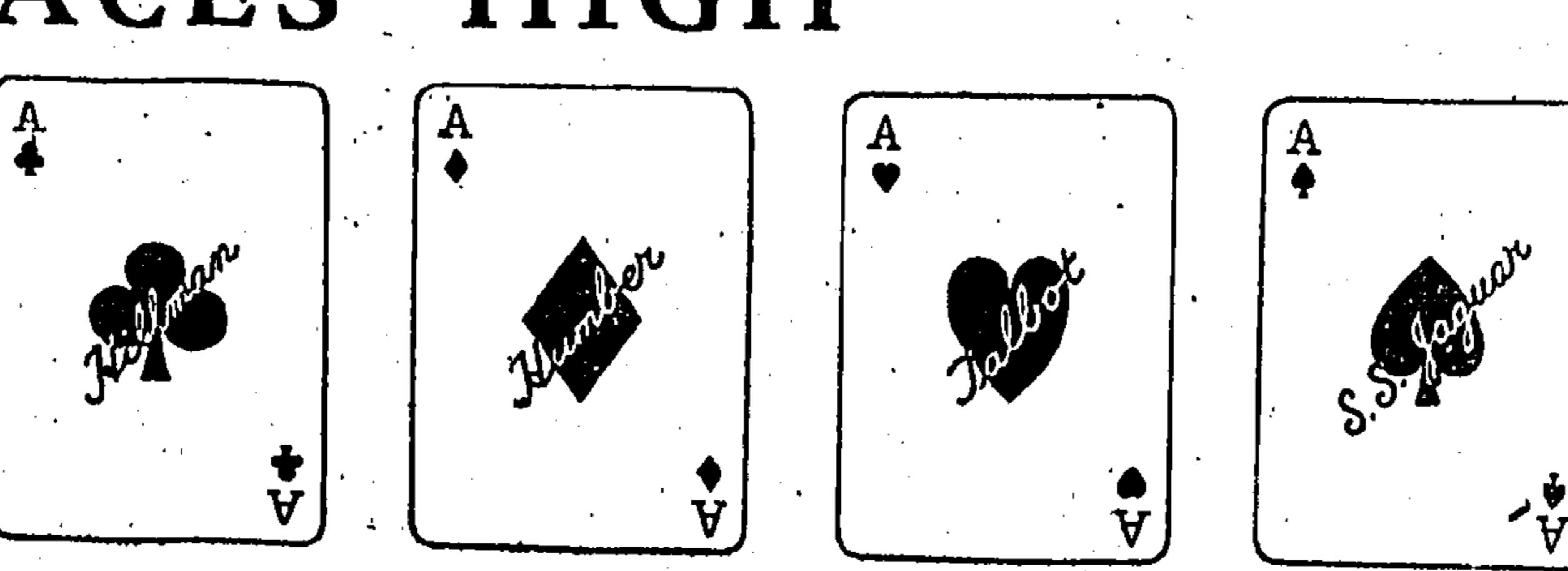
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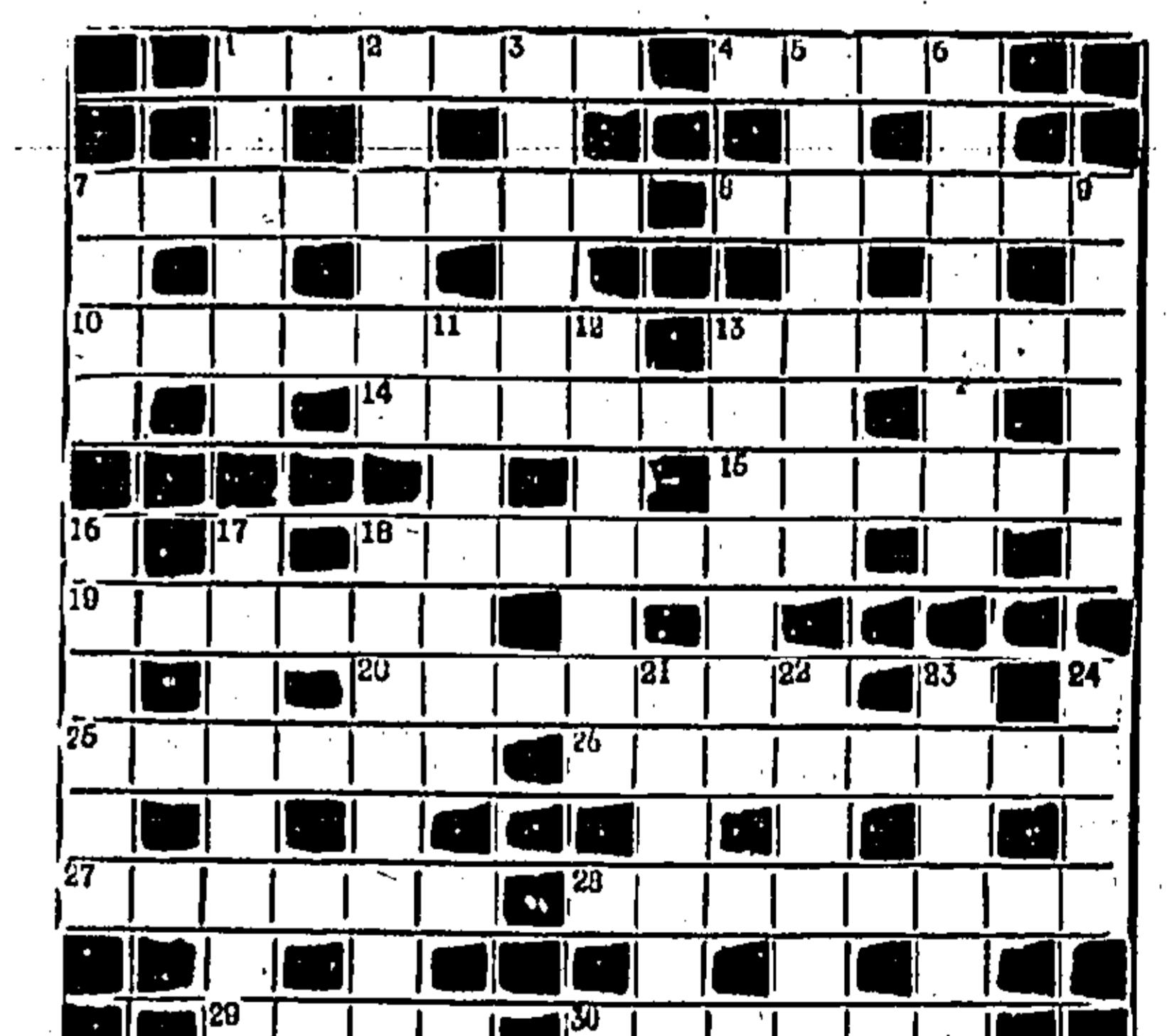
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QUESTIONS BRITAIN'S SINCERITY

Attlee Suggests Bargain Made To Abyssinia's Cost

London, Apr. 12. The Prime Minister in the House of Commons to-day retorted that he was not aware of such an absurd allegation as that made by Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Opposition, who said that it was current in many quarters that Britain was prepared to make profit out of the sufferings of Abyssinia.

Mr. Attlee had asked whether, in the course of the Anglo-Italian negotiations, a request had been made for incorporation of some Abyssinian territory in adjacent British territories by way of frontier rectification, or otherwise, and the affirmation of British rights or claims relative to Lake Tsana.

The Prime Minister declined to discuss details of the negotiations before their conclusion.—Reuter.

ETHIOPIA TO OPPOSE BRITAIN'S REQUEST

London, Apr. 12. The Ethiopian Legation has issued a statement saying that if the British Government intends to request the League Council to release States from undertakings not to recognise the Italian annexation of Abyssinia, the Emperor will oppose the decision by every means, as it is contrary to the Covenant and other treaties, and the Assembly resolution of July 4, 1936.—Reuter Bulletin.

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JAPANESE GIVE GUARANTEE ON FOREIGN BONDS

New York, Apr. 12. The Japanese Financial Commission in a statement to-day said it had been empowered by Japan to authorise guarantee of payment of principal and interest on foreign bonds in the electric power companies, the control of which was vested in the Japanese Electric Power Generation and Transmission Company.

The statement said: "Every possible effort will be made to protect the interests of foreign bondholders."

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STOP PRESS NEWS

CHINESE ATTACK NORTH OF YELLOW R.

Peiping, Apr. 13. While all possible reinforcements from North China have been sent to the Tientsin-Pukow railway front, after the recent Japanese reverses, the Chinese resumed their offensive on the Peiping-Hankow railway, driving westward and attacking Enghien, Tsiyuan and Pinghu, all north of the Yellow River.

The Japanese claim to have beaten back the Chinese attacks with heavy losses.—Reuter.

DALADIER WINS AGAIN

Paris, Apr. 13. The Chamber of Deputies voted in favour of the Plenary Powers Bill by 508 to 12.—Reuter.

TWO KILLED AT TAIKOO

Two workmen were killed and one seriously injured at Takkoo Dockyard this morning, when an hydraulic riveting machine collapsed.

The dead are Yu San, 34, and Tang Sun, 24, both riveters. The injured man, Wong Chung, 24, has been taken to Queen Mary hospital.

The three workmen were employed on the construction of one of the new Blue Funnel Liners at the dockyard when the accident occurred.

Death was instantaneous in the case of the two killed.

ARMED ROBBERS RAID VILLAGE IN "TERRITORIES"

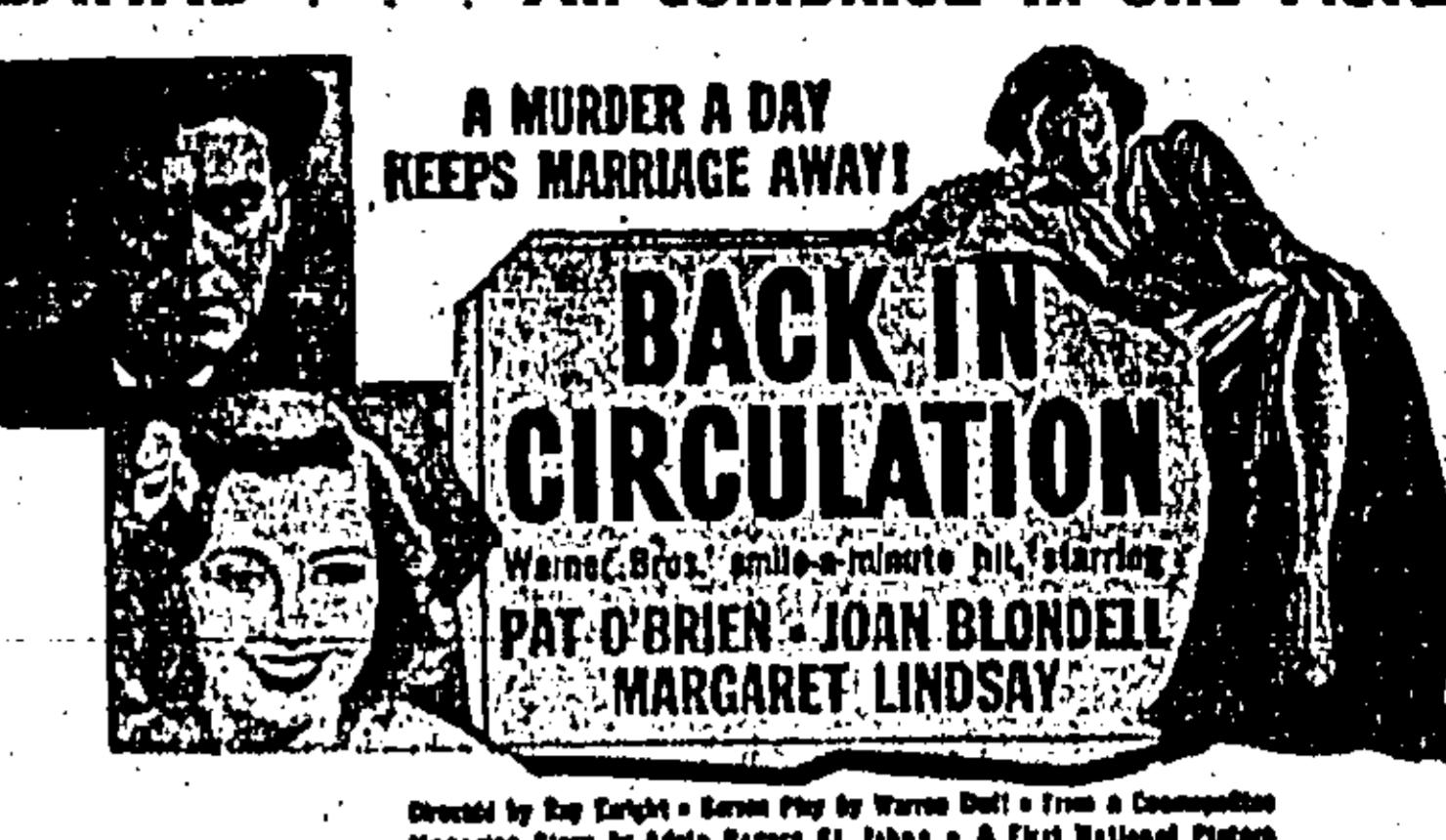
Three armed robbers made a daring raid at 9 p.m. yesterday on Shek Hung village, in the Salkung district of the New Territories, as the result of which Ki Mui, a married woman, was victimised to the extent of \$100 and a considerable quantity of jewellery and clothing.

The three men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, forced their way into her dwelling, and threatened her with death unless she disclosed the hiding place of her money.

After ransacking the building they decamped into the mountains.

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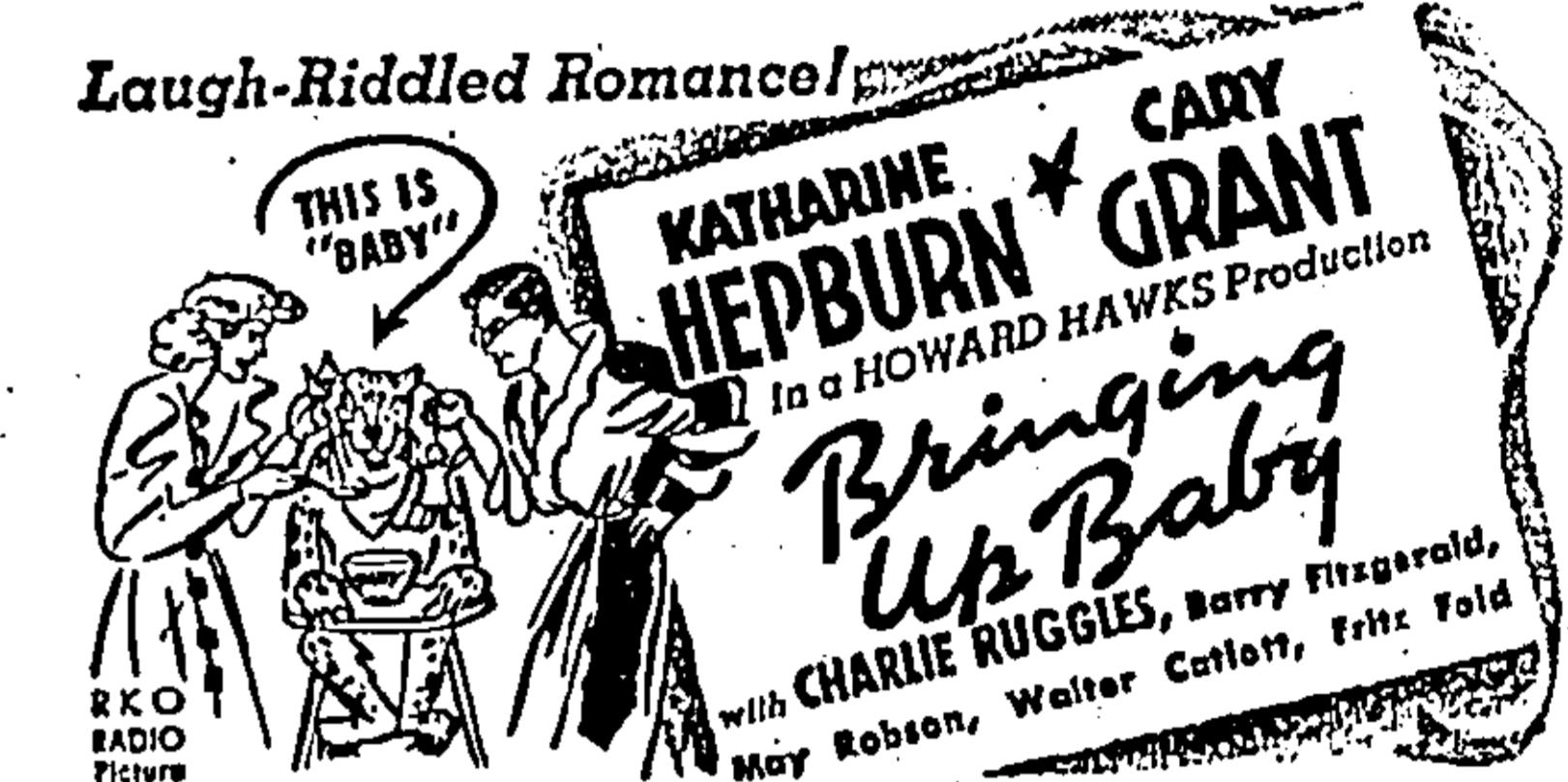
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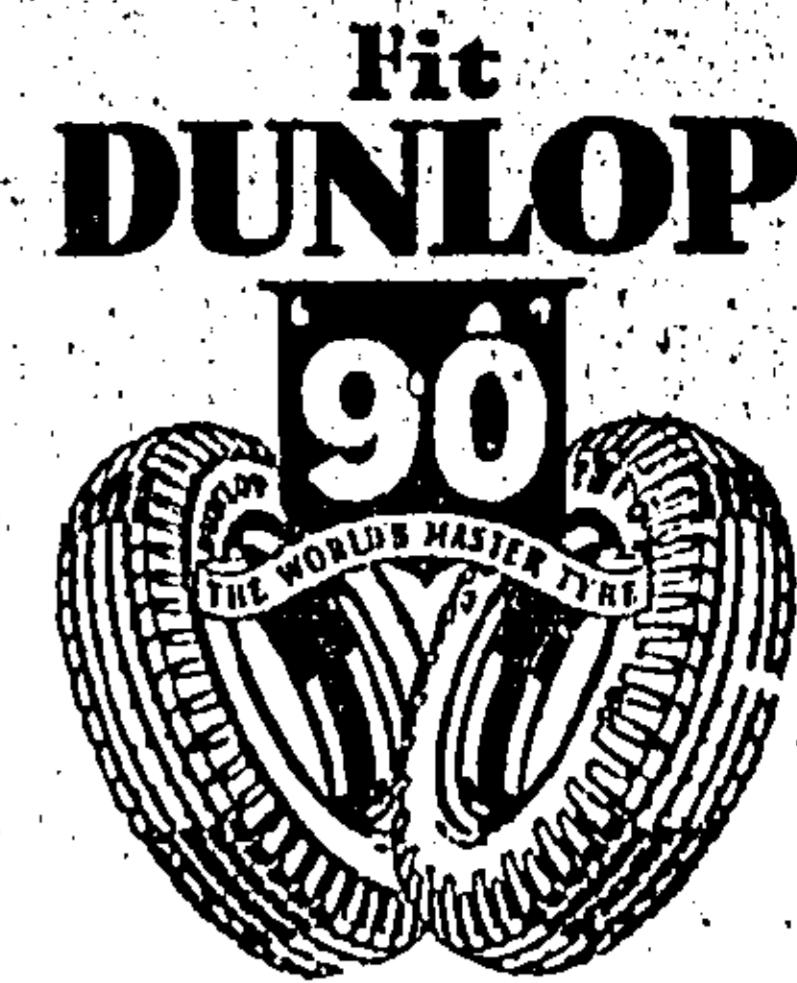
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HONGKONG'S LANDLORDS COMMISSION SATISFIED WITH RENTS

No Indication of Rise Even to Level Seen Before Depression

Landlords are completely vindicated in the report of the Commission appointed by His Excellency the Governor to inquire into the rents question in Hongkong.

The Report was tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

It recommends that Government take no action to impose restrictions against landlords who, as a class, "have incurred much undeserved odium."

"Tenants have, for the past few years, been holding a pistol to the landlords' heads," is a quotation from one section of the Report, a voluminous document of 25 pages.

"We are satisfied by the figures submitted to us, by the admissions of tenants, and from our own enquiries in the cases where both landlord and tenant appeared before us, that there is no evidence that landlords as a whole are at present raising or notifying an intention to raise rents beyond, or even as high as, the level ruling before the depression."

"Any measure which would have the effect of depriving these persons whose capital is locked up in land of a fair return on their money must necessarily be detrimental to the general well-being of the Colony."

In recommending that Government take no action at present to control rents, the Commission takes cognizance of the hardships inflicted upon certain sections of community by the reversion towards "pre-depression" rents, and "earnestly hopes" that concerns employing large clerical staff will recognise that many of their employees are now compelled to pay increased rents in the absence of cheaper premises, and will readjust salaries or grant allowances to meet present conditions.

More Government Accommodation Suggested

"It seems to us that the Navy, Army, Air Force, and Civil Service authorities might consider whether they could provide further accommodation for their respective services, meanwhile granting such allowances in lieu of quarters as may be adequate in the circumstances prevailing from time to time."

The Commission comprised Mr. W. Schofield (Chairman), Mr. W. J. Lockhart-Smith and Mr. R. J. Minnitt.

In no case did the Commission discover any such huge increase in rents as was alleged in the summary given by the Committee appointed by the Kowloon Residents' Association to act as a deputation to the Commission.

"We must admit the possibility that some cases may have been overlooked in the prevailing confusion," the Report states regarding the K.R.A. representations.

[A full report appears on Page 3 of this issue.]

NO HINDRANCE TO BRITISH VISITORS TO AUSTRIA

London, April 12. Answering a House of Commons question, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Butler said he had now been informed that no formalities were required in the case of British visitors wishing to leave Austria, unless they were resident in Austria. He was making further inquiries concerning conditions governing the departure of British residents from Austria.

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Heavy Fighting Continues Around Yihsiens

Liquid Fire Defeats Loyalists

Insurgent Advance Continues Swiftly

Hendaye, April 12. Loyalist headquarters at Barcelona state that, according to eye-witnesses, the Insurgents used liquid fire and forced the Loyalists to retreat for five miles near Vinaroz, and then captured the town of Catí.

Earlier the Loyalists withstood five hours bombing and artillery shelling. Reports state that the flame-throwers' victims were mostly Loyalist officers and Austrian and German refugees, who joined the army 18 months ago. Meanwhile, reinforced Insurgents stormed the Loyalists in the mountains west of Chert and also repulsed the Loyalists' counter-attack at the village of Villadona, while General Aranda stormed the Loyalists' positions at Sierra Valdunachia, and occupied a series of fortified hills.

General Solchaga continued to advance on the left bank of the river Segre, threatening to cut the roads to France. His troops occupied 13 villages in 18 hours, after which the Loyalists strongly resisted at Campo. —United Press.

Big American Purchases Of China Silver

Important Financial Transactions

Washington, April 12. It is officially disclosed that the United States has purchased U.S.\$500,000 worth of Chinese silver since the outbreak of hostilities in China. Evidence is lacking whether the dollar exchange was used for war purposes. However, an official said that as fast as dollar credits were established, the Chinese used them for the purpose of buying American "merchandise."

Treasury officials declined to discuss the purchases. However they said that last July's Sino-American silver agreement was still in effect, and that an undisclosed quantity of gold was purchased by China from the United States under the agreement.

It is learned that the Chinese converted a considerable amount of silver which was used as collateral for the establishment of credits into gold. —United Press.

CHINA SAID SEEKING FINANCIAL AID

London, April 13. The Financial News reports Mr. Sun Fo as stating yesterday that China had been seeking the assistance from her friends in Britain and elsewhere. It would be to China's advantage if some sort of financial assistance could be obtained, but he was not in position to say anything concrete on the subject.

Mr. Sun Fo added that the Chinese will not accept mediation until Japanese soldiers withdraw from Chinese soil. —Reuter.

FIGHTING CATTLE PLAGUE

London, April 12. Foot and mouth disease, a recent outbreak of which caused the largest standstill order for British cattle and stock ever issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, was debated this evening in the House of Lords.

The newspaper expresses the opinion that the Japanese have been bulked of their major strategic effort to conquer a vast front around Hsichow and to unite the southern and northern armies.

The paper said that Shantung means to the Chinese what Alsace-Lorraine did to France. If Hsichow becomes the Waterloo of Asia history is likely to record such a climax as a classic administration of poetic justice."

The Washington Post columnist Barnet Novel said that Tschirch Wang

PRESENTS CREDENTIALS



Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and Lady Kerr photographed as they arrived in Chungking, China's war time capital, by air. Yesterday His Excellency presented his credentials. He and the Lady Kerr have been given a warm welcome, and the Ambassador has expressed optimism at China's position. —C. M. P. S. Photo.

SUPER-CRUISERS OF JAPAN MAY PROVE SCOURGE OF OCEANS

40-Knot Vessels of Heavy Gun Calibre Could Crush All But Capital Ships

Washington, April 12. It is reliably learned that the Navy Department has been informed that Japan is building a fleet of super-cruisers of 16,000 and 18,000 tons, whose unmatched speed, mobility and striking power may revolutionise naval tactics.

It is reported that three such vessels are at present being built, capable of a speed of 40 knots, and armed with eight or nine 12-inch guns.

A high naval official stated to-day: "If such ships are being built, they represent, perhaps, the most powerful sea weapon in existence. While they could not successfully engage a battleship in close fighting, they would be more powerful than any British or United States cruiser, and would be the scourge of the world's shipping lanes." —Reuter.

IMPETUS TO MANOEUVRES

Washington, April 12. Reports of an unidentified fleet appearing off Davao have intensified the American fleet's war manoeuvres, and naval strategists will study a possible defence of the Philippines "in emergencies."

Officials emphasised that the Administration's attitude, as indicated by Admiral Leahy in his naval testimony to members of Congress, was that the Philippines were "indefensible". Nevertheless means of countering any possible invasion of the Philippines had received the closest attention.

It is understood that Mr. Paul McNutt, Philippines High Commissioner, stressed in his official conversations with Admiral Leahy and

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No Dominions Protest Against Foreign Policy

London, April 12.

Answering a House of Commons question the Secretary of State for the Dominions, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, declared that no communication had been received from the Government of New Zealand, or any other Dominion Government, expressing disquietude on the foreign policy, pursued by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

British Wireless.

DRUG CASE ADJOURNED

Charged with possession of dangerous drugs before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, two women, Chan Sin, 45, and Wong Fun, 37, were formally remanded for a week. The case is one for commitment to the Criminal Sessions.

MILITARY ROADS CLOSING

The following roads now under construction by the military authorities will be closed from April 14 until such time as they are fit for traffic:

1. Road to Chung Am, Kowloon, from the point where it leaves the existing main road to Stanley.

2. Road to Collinson Head, from where it leaves the Sheko Road.

3. Clear Water Bay Road beyond the "closed" near Sheung Yeung Village.

4. Road Shatin Pass-Grasscutters Pass-Tales Cairn-Sleepers Knoll from the Shatin Pass Police Station to its junction with Jet Pass.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

Russia Can't Allow Conquest of China

SUN FO REVEALS SOVIET ATTITUDE TO JAPAN'S AIMS

China Will Mobilise Army Of 8,000,000 in Year

London, Apr. 12. Mr. Sun Fo, prominent Chinese political leader, speaking at a press reception at the Chinese Embassy to-day, said he had been informed in Moscow that although Russia did not intend to intervene in the Far East at present, where China appeared to be fully holding her own, Russia could not afford to allow Japan to conquer China, and if any danger of that appeared, Russia would certainly intervene, regardless of the consequences in Europe.

Mr. Sun Fo said that China was quite confident of winning. She already had 2,000,000 men under arms, and in a year's time would have 8,000,000.

The moral effect of China's recent successes upon Japan must be profound, as every Japanese had been brought up in the belief that he was invincible.

Mr. Sun Fo proceeded from the reception to visit the Prime Minister. He goes to Scotland on April 14 to visit the Clyde shipbuilding yards, and will return to London in about a week's time.

The Roman Catholic Bishop Yu Ping, who was also at the reception, was recently received in Rome by the Pope, to whom he gave a long account of the war in China. He returns to China by air to-morrow.—Reuter.

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WHITNEY GOES TO PRISON

New York Broker Unbowed In Adversity

Ossining, Apr. 12. Richard Whitney, the American broker who was convicted to-day and sentenced to five and 10 years imprisonment in Sing Sing on charges of grand larceny, entered Sing Sing with his chin up, haughtily stumbling at the end of a line of handcuffed prisoners.

Asked to make a comment, he moved his head in negation, but there was no gesture of despair.

He was assigned No. 94,835, and sleeps to-night in a damp 4 by 7 foot cell in the old cell block, which is the customary place for newcomers.

A New York message says that the Federal Court has revealed that the Whitney firm has liabilities of \$7,054,050, and assets of \$1,101,354.69.—United Press.

GANDHI IS BETTER

Calcutta, April 12. The Mahatma Gandhi's health has improved, and he is expected to go to Delhi to-morrow, possibly to interview the Viceroy.—Reuter Bulletin.



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Storms In Europe Ruin Fruit Crops

Heavy Weather In The Atlantic

London, Apr. 12. Weather conditions in southern Europe and on the Atlantic Coast have been very unfavourable. At Naples, shipping was held up for two days by what was described as one of the worst storms ever experienced.

Night frosts are ruining the fruit crops in some parts of Italy. In Switzerland, heavy frost is destroying fruit blossoms, causing serious damage to the crops.

Officers of the liner Queen Mary, arriving at Southampton yesterday, stated that it had been one of the worst crossings.—Reuter.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1,535 ss.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), £91 1/2 ss.
Chartered Banks, £12 1/2 ss.
Mercantile Bank, A and B, £28 n.
Mercantile Bank, C, £14 n.
East Asia Bank, \$63 n.

Insurances

Canton Ins., \$275 n.
Union Ins., \$530 b.
China Underwriters, \$2,10 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$233 n.

Shipping

Douglas, \$80 b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$20 b.
Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$24 n.
Shell Bearer, \$320 n.
Union Waterboats, \$80 n.

Docks etc.

H.K. & W. Wharves, \$134 n.
H.K. W. Docks, (see below).
Providents (old), \$3,70 ss.
Providents (new), \$3,45 b.
New Engineering, Shs., \$4,05 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh., \$98 n.
Kaiwan Mining Adm., 15/- n.
Raubs, \$120 b.

Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.
Hongkong Mines, 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining

Antamoks, P., 49 ss.
Atoks, P., 23 ss.
Baguio Gold, P., 10½ ss.
Baguio Consol., P., 9,40 ss.
Benguet Explor., —

Big Wedge, P.

Coco Groves, P., 41 ss.
Consolidated Minas, P., 0,11 ss.
Demonstrations, P., .33 1/2 ss.

E. Mindanao, P.

Gumus C'fields, P., —

Ho Gold, P., —

IXL, P., 07 ss.

Hogons, P., —

Mabata Consols, P., —

Min. Resources, P., —

Northern Min., P., —

Paracale Gumus, P., 18 ss.

Salaoc Mining, P., —

San Mauricio, P., 41 ss.

Suyoc Consol., P., 15 1/2 ss.

United Paracales, P., 41 ss.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$6,40 b. and ss.

H.K. Lands, \$35 1/2 b.

H.K. Lands, 4% Debent, \$100 1/2 b.

Shih Lands, Sh. \$9 n.

Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —

Humphries, \$9 b. and ss.

H.K. Realities, \$5,20 n.

Chinese Estates, \$98 n.

China Realties, Sh. —

China Devent, —

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways, \$15,80 b.

Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.

Peak Trams (new), \$33 1/2 n.

Star Ferries (old), \$20 1/2 n.

China Light (old), \$11,05 b.

China Light (new), \$9 b.

H.K. Electric, \$59 1/2 b.

Macao Electric, \$18 n.

Sandakan Light, \$1,11 n.

Telephone (old), \$2,23 1/2 b.

Telephone (new), \$10 1/4 b.

China Buses, Sh. —

Singapore Tractions, 25/- n.

Singapore Pref., 24/- n.

Industries

Cald: Maeg, (old), Sh. \$14 1/2 n.

Cald: Maeg, (Prof.), Sh. \$12 1/2 n.

Cunton Iron, \$1,70 n.

Cement, \$17 b. ex. div.

H.K. Ropes, \$4,40 b.

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, \$24 1/2 n.

Watson, \$0,15 b.

Lane Crawford, \$9 1/2 b.

Sinceros, \$2 20 n.

Wing On (H.K.), \$40 n.

William Powell, Ltd., 70 cts. n.

Coffers, Mills, —

Ewo Cotton, Sh. \$14 n.

Shih Cotton (old), Sh. \$74 n.

Zoong Sing, Sh. \$30 b.

Wing On Textiles, Sh. —

Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, \$0,14 n.

Constructions, \$1 1/2 b.

Vibro Filing, \$5 1/4 n.

Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G\$Bds., 70 1/2 n.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% prm. n.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 2% prm. n.

Wallace Harpers, \$12 1/2 n.

Morrellins, Inc., (Lon.), \$12 1/2 n.

Morrellins, Inc., (H.K.), \$12 1/2 n.

H.K. & W. Docks, \$21,70 n. X. Rts.

H.K. & W. Docks (new), \$21 n.

H.K. & W. Docks Rts., \$11 n.

GLADIOLI ON DISPLAY

Organised by Major G. M. Churcher and Mr. Andrew Tee, an exceptionally fine display of gladioli is on view in the Gloucester Arcade, near the Clover Flower Shop. Over forty named varieties are to be seen.

CHALIAPIN, GIANT BASSO FROM RUSSIA, DIES WITH FAMILY AT BEDSIDE

Paris, Apr. 12. Feodor Chaliapin, the famous Russian singer, died to-night from acute anaemia. His wife and five children were by his bedside.

When Feodor Chaliapin sang the distraught Czar in "Boris Godunov" even so meticulous a critic as Deems Taylor grew lyrical. For the gigantic peasant boy who became one of the outstanding operatic figures of his age was more than the greatest basso of all time. He was one of the finest of all living actors and a personality so varied and colourful that he dwarfed his contemporaries by the sheer magnetism of his matchless talent and physique.

Towering six feet four inches the resonant basso that pointed Chaliapin to fame and fortune when he was a poor cobbler's apprentice in his home town of Kazan, Russia, rumbled mellifluously from a cavernous chest. The basso was proud of his tremendous stature and until his last years he kept himself hard-muscled and vigorous.

LOVED TO SING

As far back as Chaliapin could remember—and he always was proud of his humble beginnings—he loved to sing. He sang the rich folk songs of his native land as boy playing in the fields near his home with his closest chum—Maxim Gorki, later became one of the greatest Russian writers. Later he volunteered to sing in a choir and he sang so much at his work as a cobbler's apprentice for five cents per hour day that he was discharged.

Even then, he related later, he thought of himself as an opera star. He would sit at the cobbler's bench and hum to himself imagining some role of which he had read in books, suffering as the character suffered, triumphing as he triumphed and bowing graciously to the muddy cheering audience.

It was only then that I would notice that I had hit my thumb with the hammer so the cobbler chased me away," he said.

CARPENTER'S APPRENTICE

From the cobbler's place Chaliapin, whose parents were poor peasant folk, went to a carpenter's, but here too he had no success. Then he became a messenger boy, but he lost that job when he climbed a fence to listen to a band and lost some important court papers in the process.

Through all this he kept regular attendance in the choir and with young Gorki he got the opportunity to play a member of the mob in a production of Anton Rubinstein's "Der Damon" (The Demon). With this taste of the theatre Chaliapin knew there was no other career in life for him and he joined a troupe of wandering players.

This was in 1890—he was then 17—and he acted and sang with the players until the troupe disbanded at Bakur. Penniless Chaliapin went to work in a railroad station. He slept where he could and eked out a bare living singing in front of cafes. It was about this time that he was offered an opportunity to sing in a local opera. Only 17, he was one of the youngest men ever to perform a leading operatic role.

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Rents Commission Report**LANDLORDS COMPLETELY VINDICATED IN REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THREE***"Landlords As A Class Have Incurred Much Undeserved Odium"***Rents To-day Are Lower Than In Pre-depression Years**

MANY tenants during the depression years occupied flats and tenements which, in normal years, would be above their means. The fear of "loss of face" has deterred some tenants from moving into cheaper premises.

Notices to quit have been given in many cases because the landlord is at last in a position to get rid of a bad tenant. Tenants have, for the past few years, been holding a pistol to the landlords' heads.

There is no evidence that landlords as a whole are at present raising or notifying an intention to raise rents beyond, or even as high as, the level ruling before the depression.

Landlords have perforce accepted unsatisfactory tenants during recent years. Tenants have been in arrears with their rents for months. Houses and flats have been constantly vacant, sometimes for years. Landlords have been called upon to pay enormous charges for excess water. Tenants, by threatening to quit, have forced rents down to excessively low levels.

These are some of the highlights from the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Rents, which was tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

UNDESERVED ODIUM

The Report concludes:

"While we consider that landlords as a class have incurred much undeserved odium, we are well aware that there may be unscrupulous landlords who may take advantage of this Report to indulge in profiteering."

"Landlords should remember that in 1921 Government was forced most unwillingly to impose rent restriction, and that they or their predecessors found it a great burden.

"We recommend a public statement that Government sees no reason at present to impose restrictions, but is carefully watching the situation, and will not hesitate, should future circumstances justify such a measure, to pass legitimate restricting increases in rent which unduly benefit landlords."

The terms of the Commission, which comprised Messrs. W. Schofield (Chairman), W. J. Lockhart-Smith and R. J. Minnitt, were as follows:

A to inquire into and report upon

(1) the prevalent charges for rent in the towns of Victoria and Kowloon, having regard to their rise and fall during the last ten years;

(2) the extent to which and the manner in which tenants and landlords have been and are affected by the sudden growth of the population of Hongkong since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities last year;

B. to receive oral and written evidence upon the foregoing issues;

C. to make such relevant recommendations as may commend themselves to members.

OVER 200 LETTERS

The first meeting of the Commission was held on March 9, and in addition to letters addressed to His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Colonial Secretary, and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kolewall, 30 communications from landlords and 100 communications from tenants were received between March 14 and March 24.

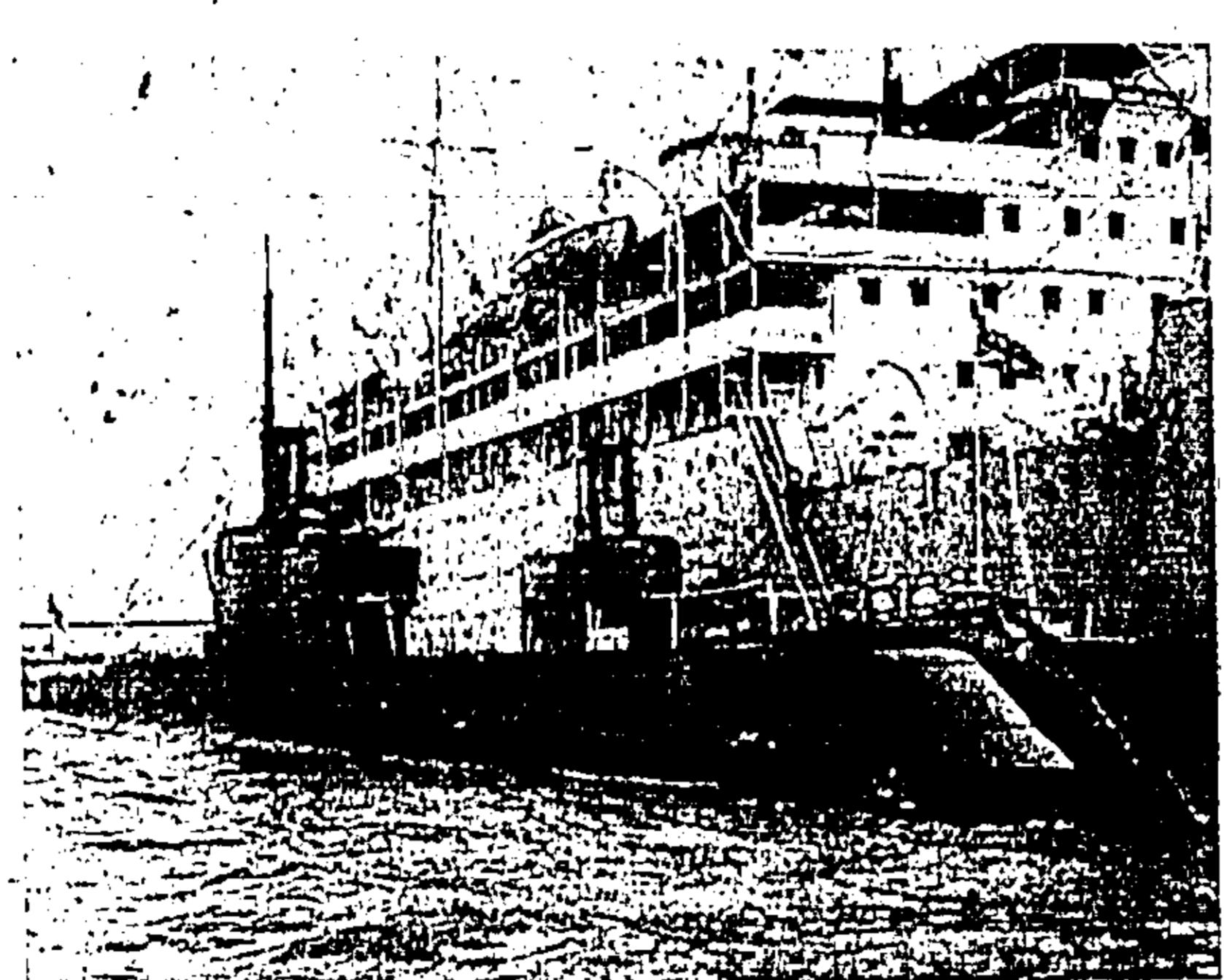
"We concluded that the best method to obtain a rapid and yet substantially accurate picture of the situation was, after considering as carefully as time permitted, the whole of the documents collected, to take selected cases of apparent genuine hardship from various types of house property in different districts of the areas to which our terms of reference were confined, and accordingly we heard oral evidence in 54 cases.

"It appeared that there was a considerable misapprehension of the scope of our functions in certain quarters. We were frequently asked to prohibit landlords from raising rent or giving notice to quit, or to arbitrate between landlord and tenant. In one case a tenant who had been evicted on a magistrate's warrant desired us to intervene, and in another a tenant who had been an unsuccessful defendant in an action for recovery of possession in the Supreme Court.

K. R. A. QUESTIONNAIRE

We had hoped on and after March 24, to devote our time to analysing the evidence and information we had obtained, and to drafting this Report, but a delay was caused by circumstances which we desire to explain. We requested the Secretary of the Kowloon Residents' Association, which had before our appointment inserted in the newspapers an advertisement incorporating a questionnaire whereby tenants were invited to ventilate their grievances, to appear before us.

"The Secretary to the Association duly appeared before us on the morning of March 14, when he informed us that the Association had up to that date received about 130 replies to our questionnaire. We requested him to ask his Committee to consider the correspondence, and to select for us those cases in which investigation seemed most necessary.

MEDWAY AND ITS DUCKLINGS IN HONGKONG HARBOUR

BRITISH SUBMARINES, attached to China squadron, seen alongside their Mother-ship, H.M.S. Medway, in Hongkong harbour.

LIVED ABOVE STATIONS

"Many tenants availed themselves of this position to move into a class of premises considerably superior to that which they would normally occupy, and when, with the increased demand for accommodation due mainly, but probably not entirely, to the outbreak of the present Sino-Japanese hostilities, rents began to show an upward tendency, these tenants found themselves faced with demands for rentals which they could not afford to meet but which were not in the great majority of cases at all exorbitant having regard to the class of property in respect of which they were charged.

"The Government Assessor of Rates gave us an example in his evidence, of flats let in Wongneichong for \$145 per month four or five years ago, fetching after the slump and until the commencement of the upward tendency only \$70 per month, and later made the general statement that in some cases where he had found what appeared to be a very heavy increase in rent, investigation had shown that during the depression rents were excessively low for the class of property concerned. If a more normal level of rental were taken as a standard, there was in fact no excessive increase.

"The Association had not investigated any of the complaints. They stated that the number of complaints received up to and including March 19, was 321 and that they did not propose to entertain any further complaints. They requested us to extend our enquiry, so far as the complaints that they had received were concerned, until March 26, in order that they might find time to inform their complainants by means of press advertisements that those who desired their cases to be investigated by the Commission should communicate directly with us.

LARGE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS

"In view of the large number of complaints received by the Association, and the startling increases of rent alleged to have been imposed in a summary presented to us by the deputation, which in six cases were said to exceed 150 per cent., we felt that we had no option but to agree to pre-depression figures.

"We sat on the morning and afternoon of March 26 to deal exclusively with the Kowloon Residents' Association's cases. Those tenants who had actually written to the Association, as distinct from merely filling in its questionnaire, had been notified by its Secretary that they should report to us, and we interviewed all those in possession of his letter. In addition, we heard what appeared to be the more outstanding cases.

"In no case did we discover any such huge increase as was alleged in the summary given us by the Committee's deputation, but we must admit the possibility that some cases may have been overlooked in the prevailing confusion.

REASONS FOR RENT INCREASES

Only a few tenants were able to give the Commission continuous history regarding the rise and fall of rents during the last ten years.

"A wealth of evidence was furnished to prove that owners of houses property were the victims of a disastrous slump during the years 1933 to 1937.

"It is not true that there were during the last ten years cases of speculative building in which men of straw who hoped to make a quick boom profit were deservedly punished, and it is a fact that in the years 1933 to 1937 there was in the Colony what has been described to us as an overbuilt position, but the majority of property owners must be regarded as legitimate investors, and had not been for the overbuilt position, the present acute shortage of accommodation would have been much more serious.

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other large categories of investment may be of value.

"For example, the total market value of the shares of local companies (other than financial institutions) listed by the Stock Exchange amounts to approximately \$150,000,000, although an appreciable portion of the assets of such companies is represented by property. Similarly, the estimated total value of money invested in Chinese factories or in Chinese industry in the Colony amounts to about \$50,000,000 which is only a comparatively small sum. Here again a substantial portion of such money is undoubtedly represented by the property or buildings of such factories.

"The total note issue, which is backed by silver and by sterling securities, amounts to about \$100,000,000, but even this sum, large as it may appear, is—for the most part held outside the Colony and only a small portion (authoritatively estimated at 25%) is owned within the Colony.

"These comparative figures serve to make it abundantly clear that a very large portion, if not the bulk, of the wealth of the Colony, is represented by property.

"That this must be so is hardly surprising in a territory where there is little agriculture, almost a complete absence of any trace of mineral wealth, and where industry is still only in its infancy."

"The figures quoted above may require some modification at the present time, but it is abundantly clear that any measure which would have the effect of depriving those persons whose capital is locked up in land of a fair return on their money, must necessarily be detrimental to the general welfare of the Colony.

"Evidence which really puts the matter beyond doubt and dispels the necessity for a long inquiry into particular cases, was given by a representative of a European bank.

"He told us that his experience during the last six years had convinced him that the position of house owners had been growing worse all the time—'their revenue has gone.' The bank had advanced money to many such owners. Valuations of property were arrived at by ascertaining the revenue derived from rents and calculating the capital sum on which such revenue would represent a return of 8%. This standard of calculation was not rigidly adhered to, but represents the broad basis of valuation. The usual advance was limited to 60% of the valuation, and interest was charged at 5%.

"The witness told us that in a great many cases during the depressed years landlords had not been able to obtain sufficient to pay the 5% interest on 60% of the valuation. At the end of 1937 he had reviewed several hundred mortgages. The values of the properties, based on the rent returns at that time, barely covered the advance, whereas a few years previously the advance had only represented 60% of what the witness regarded as the real value of the properties.

"The evidence referred to in the three preceding paragraphs is authoritative, but in all cases landlords have stated, and we believe them, that they have sustained a drop in income, in most cases very severe, while in many cases they have not been able to pay the interest on loans which they have been compelled to obtain from the banks in order to carry on at all.

"EVICTIONS
"In July, 1930, the number of houses and flats standing, vacant was 3,505. At the end of February, 1938, the figure had fallen to 522.

NOT SUITABLE FOR EUROPEANS
"A tenant who is given notice to quit is faced with a serious difficulty. The Government Assessor told us that of the vacancies on his list at present not one was suitable for the Portuguese clerical class or European subordinates.

"Landlords have perforce accepted

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B.S.A. SCOUT
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"Scouting in South Africa"

I feel that it is time that some notice was taken of the B.S.A. Scout. Seven months ago I became the third owner of a 1936 Scout 4-seater, mileage 12,000. A brief history of the car to that date: The first owner apparently did not know much about the critical running-in period, because within a week he left for East London. At 10,000 miles, the car was sold and the second owner took full advantage of the amazing cornering abilities of the car, for he ran through two fairly good front tyres in 2,000 miles. After all this bad handling, however, she managed to come in second in a local handicap race at the Grosvenor Grand Prix track. A Scout 70 m.p.h. (speedometer readings). In The Motor of November 30 you published an article entitled "Maintaining the Maximum." Well, here is something which compares fairly favourably with the Mercedes mentioned. Quite recently the Scout, with two up and some luggage, completed a journey of 70 miles (two passes included) mostly over badly corrugated roads, in 1 hr. 45 mins. In one place 70 m.p.h. was maintained for about six miles. I would be interested to know if any other reader could name a car priced up to £250 in England that would be able to stand up to the treatment that this car has had, without any replacements whatever. At 20,000 miles I decided to have the engine rebed and the big-ends remelted. It was necessary to fit a new second gear as I had run the gearbox without oil for about 200 miles. I have no connection or interest in the B.S.A. concern whatever.

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This letter appeared in "The Motor," Jan. 25th, 1938.

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A YOUNG WOMAN, American educated in America, fully qualified for secretarial work, with several years of experience, seeks immediate employment. Box No. 454, "Hongkong Telegraph."

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FOR SALE. No. 104, The Peak, (No. 10 Mountain View). Two reception rooms, three bedrooms, two tiled bathrooms, two drying rooms. House has been well maintained and is in excellent condition and repair. Price HK\$15,000. Will leave up to \$10,000 on Mortgage if required. Furniture also for sale. Apply G. Miskin, Gilman & Co., Ltd., Tel. 30988.

SUPER-CRUISERS OF JAPAN MAY PROVE SCOURGE OF OCEANS

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Messrs. Malin and Craig, that the Philippines will never be invaded while the American flag remained there, despite their strategic weakness.—United Press.

EXPERTS MEET

London, Apr. 12. A meeting of the representatives of Great Britain, France and the United States provided for under article 25 of the London Naval Treaty of 1936, was held at the Foreign Office this morning. The meeting lasted half an hour, and was merely a preliminary discussion.

Under the chairmanship of Sir Robert Vansittart, diplomatic advisor to the Government, the British representatives were the First Sea Lord and Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Chatfield, Captain Phillips, Captain Danckwerts, Mr. Fitzmaurice, and Mr. Holman. Representing the United States were Mr. Heschell Johnson, and Commander Gordon Nelson. Representing France were Monsieur Cambon, Commander Delenze, and Captain Du Tour. British Wireless.

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The Summer Term will open on April 19th.

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For Prospects apply to Mr. Fung Man Sui or Mr. Chan Pak Luk, Messrs. Harry Wicking, Prince's Building, (Tel. 30241) or to

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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 6th May, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 22nd April to the 6th May, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. Room 309, Bank of East Asia Building, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wan Chai; or the Inspector, 12, Sal Young Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

CHINESE VICTORY PRAISED

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had broken a 44 years series of Japanese successes, and had smashed the powerful myth of their invincibility. Therefore it might rank among the decisive battles in world history.

The writer said that the result does not mean Chinese victory is assured, but it means that with intelligent leadership and adequate equipment, the Chinese can be a match for the Japanese.—United Press.

CHUNGKING CELEBRATES

Chungking, Apr. 13. A gala appearance is presented here with the streets and buildings festooned, and all shops bearing red posters, similar to those displayed during Chinese New Year, bearing the inscription: "Follow Chiang and Wang, leaders of National resistance."

The celebration is for the Chinese army's victory in annihilating the Japanese forces at Talerchwang.

The occasion was also the dual celebration of the election of Chiang Kai-shek, Wang Ching-wei and Tsung Tsin to the Kuomintang Congress, and the Chinese army's successes in the north.

Last night there was a torchlight procession and throughout the city fire crackers were discharged.

G. S. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 76 years, with the option of renovation at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one fur- ther term of 76 years.

Intending bidders are advised
that immediately after the dis-
posal of the lot the Purchaser
(if not the applicant) will be
required to deposit with an
authorised officer who will be
present at the sale, the sum of
two hundred dollars, (\$200) in
cash. This sum will be refunded
on payment of the Purchase
price.

Mr. Braga also commented on the
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Site	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Part of Pr.
Kowloon Island	Lot No. 4003.	Apjoining Kowloon Inland	N. E. S. W.	about 21,000	\$18,000
	Lot No. 326.	Prince Edward Road.	feet feet feet feet		
			As per sale plan.	275	

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Notice to Shareholders

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Building, Hong Kong, on WED-
NESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at
11 a.m., for the purpose of receiv-
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and the Statements of Account to
31st December, 1937, and of declar-
ing Dividend, etc.

THE SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS
of the Society will be CLOSED
from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL,
Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDIN-
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Company will be held at its HEAD
OFFICE, Union Building, Hong
Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL,
1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the
purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors and the State-
ments of Account to 31st Decem-
ber, 1937, and of declaring Divi-
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A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the SEVENTY-SECOND OR-
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OFFICE, Union Building, Hong
Kong, on Wednesday, 13th APRIL,
1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the
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General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

COUNT THE TELEGRAPHHS

EVERWHERE

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Looking To Rent For Revenues Stability Sought In Investment

Mr. J. P. Braga Gives Views

At the sixteenth ordinary yearly
meeting of shareholders of the
Hongkong Engineering and Con-
struction Co., Ltd. held this morning,
the Chairman, Mr. J. P. Braga, in re-
porting a small profit for the year,
remarked that in future the Company
would seek to make "rent" the main-
stay of the Company's revenue, as
it had the advantage of stability
without the extraneous influences
governing contractual orders.

Mr. Braga also commented on the
subject of rent, in which he said
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The defendants said that it was
difficult for them to find other houses
at this period and as Mr. D'Almada,
acting for the owners of the premises,
agreed, Mr. Macfadyen gave the de-
fendants time.

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DOCKYARD POLICE OFFICER SHOT DEAD

Police Sergeant Inchcombe of the Naval Dockyard Police was found shot dead in the Dockyard this morning.

The dead man's revolver was lying beside him when the discovery was made at 6.55 a.m., indicating self-destruction.

At present the authorities are not inclined to discuss the case, but an investigation is proceeding.

Later.

Deceased's full name is Ernest Harold Inchcombe, aged 50. He was a native of Battersea and his relatives are stated to be in England. Formerly he served in the Royal Navy and had a long and meritorious record there, with several decorations. He joined the Naval Dockyard Police some ten years ago.

The shooting took place at the Main Gate where Sergeant Inchcombe was on duty.

Sergeant Inchcombe was in good health up to the time of his death, it is believed.

Palestine Commission Prepared

London, Apr. 12. The Palestine Partition Commission will leave London on April 21, and will probably stay in Palestine for several months, making an extensive tour of the country, deciding on the proposed boundaries, and examining the economic and fiscal questions.—Reuter Bulletin.

Minority's Complaint Recognised

Censorship On Sudeten German Press Ends

Prague, April 12. The Sudeten Germans have appealed to the Czechoslovakian Premier to relax the censorship imposed on their newspapers, complaining that censorship was against the constitutional freedom of the press.

The Premier, after studying the request, declared that grievances were justified, and ordered the censorship to be relaxed.

Ministers have asked newspapers supporting their different parties to cease to attack other papers, in order to create a peaceful atmosphere for the negotiations with the Sudeten Germans.—Reuter Bulletin.

NO HOLIDAY

Prague, April 12. Czechoslovakian Ministers are not taking a holiday during Easter, but will remain in Prague, owing to the present situation in the country.

The Government has banned demonstrations on May 1, which is the Nazi Festival, as well as Labour Day.

—Reuter Bulletin.

Japanese Give Guarantee On Foreign Bonds

New York, Apr. 12. The Japanese Financial Commission in a statement to-day said it had been empowered by Japan to authorise guarantee of payment of principal and interest on foreign bonds in the electric power companies, the control of which was vested in the Japanese Electric Power Generation and Transmission Company.

The statement said: "Every possible effort will be made to protect the interests of foreign bondholders."—United Press.

BRITAIN PROTESTS TO MEXICO

Asks Restoration Of Seized Property In Stiff Note

London, Apr. 12. A severe censure of the Mexican Government's methods in expropriating British oil fields is made in the British note to Mexico just published.

It admits the Government's right to expropriate in the public interest on payment of adequate compensation, but that principle does not justify expropriation of an essentially arbitrary character.

After reviewing the legal proceedings, in which it alleges that essential evidence was improperly excluded, inadequately considered, or unjustly overridden, the note says that the severity of the Government's harsh and arbitrary step is disproportionate to the exigencies of the situation.

The British Government is of the opinion that the real motive of expropriation is of a political nature to acquire permanently for Mexico ownership of the oil fields, and it is tantamount to confiscation under the K.C.R. system.

The consequences have been a denial of justice, and a transgression of international law. The note specifically requests restoration of the properties.—Reuter.

FOREIGN PROPERTY IN DANGER

WARSHIPS ON WAY

Locomotives For China Assembling In Colony

Shipments Arrive From Britain

Chungking, April 13. The largest consignment of railway locomotives ever ordered in the Far East has already arrived, in part, in Hongkong.

The Telegraph understands that 50 locomotives are involved in the order, which was placed in Germany and Great Britain by the Chinese Ministry of Communications.

Twenty of the locomotives, of British design, were landed at Kowloon Canton Railway depot at Hung Hom last week. They were unloaded directly from ship to rail, and are now in the railway yards, awaiting transportation to a destination to be designated by the Chinese.

A large number of locomotives are also stored at North Point, on Hongkong Island, awaiting delivery to the Chinese Government. They will then be ferried across the harbour to the K.C.R. system.

It is understood that a further consignment of 20 locomotives is en route to Hongkong from Europe.

Ambassador Presents Credentials Optimistic In View Of China Position

Chungking, April 13.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, presented his credentials this morning, attended Mr. Lin Sen's banquet at noon, and received pressmen in the afternoon at the British Consulate-General.

Sir Archibald said that when visiting Shanghai he felt gloomy, but after his Hankow and Chungking visits, and meeting the Nationalist leaders, he had become optimistic of the outlook in China, and also of the Sino-British relations in the future.

Nevertheless, he dared not go sightseeing in Nanking, fearing a misunderstanding would arise because the British Government only know the National Government at Chungking.

The Ambassador, and his staff of five, are leaving for Hankow at daybreak on April 14, and are going by steamer to Ichang to see the gorges.

From there they will probably take the air line.—United Press.

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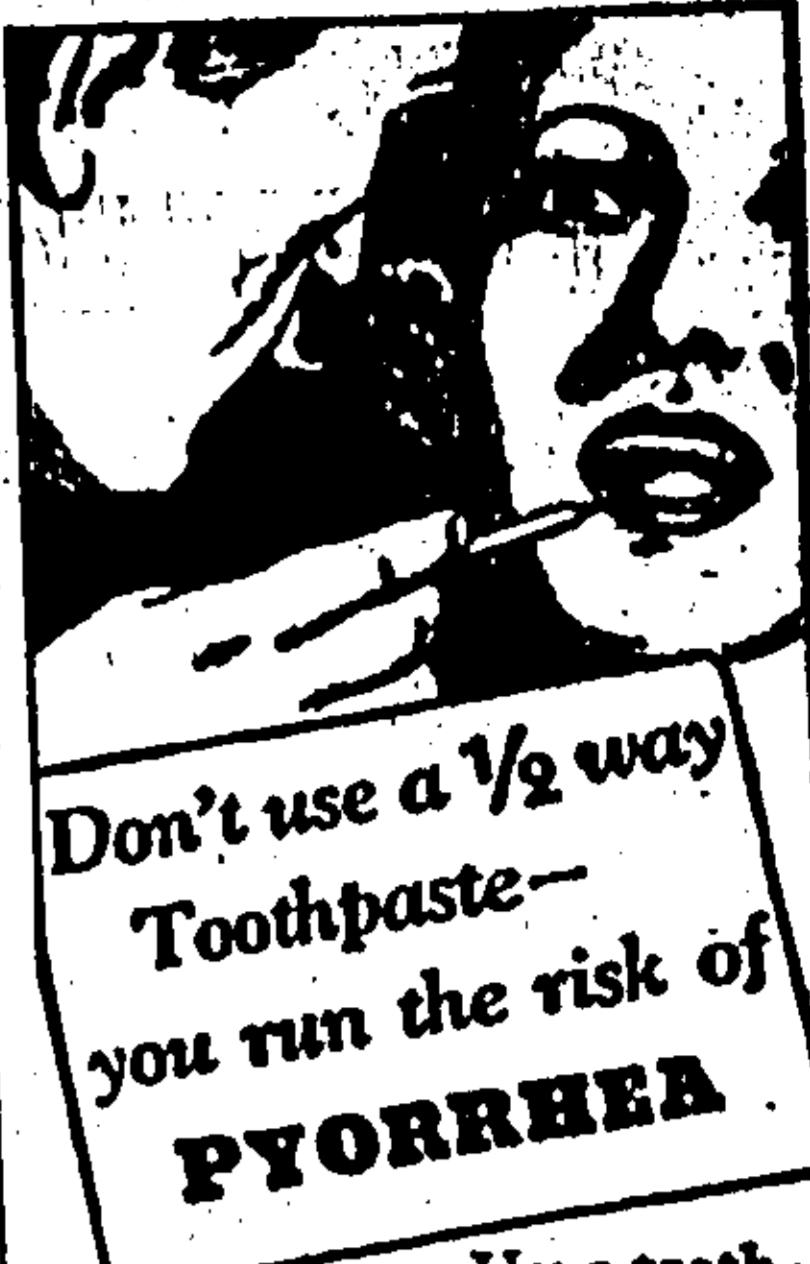
Singapore Company Building Here

The Straits Steamship Co. Ltd. of Singapore has placed an order with the Taikoo Dockyards in Hongkong for a new passenger and cargo steamer for its extensive service.

The new ship, which will be named Pahang, is expected to be launched before the end of the year.

It will be of about 900 tons, and will have accommodation for 12 first-class passengers and also second-class and deck passengers.

The Straits Steamship Company operates a fleet of 47 vessels, the largest of which is the Kedah, 2,400 tons. All bear Malayan place-names.



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PEACE AND WAR WAGES

France, according to the cabled developments of the internal situation in that tumultuous country, is about to suffer from a paralysing strike, is already experiencing labour difficulties which have tied up a good part of the vital arms industry, and may have to introduce a system of conscription among her work people in order to guarantee a satisfactory output. In fact, M. Daladier, the Prime Minister, has grimly hinted that he will not hesitate to put troops into the factories to clear them of sit-down strikers if the necessity arises.

This situation has been outlined because of a desire to indicate the disastrous effects of discord in industry at a time when a nation is striving to prepare for international emergency. Such a situation unquestionably gives unscrupulous labour the handle of the whip. In France, because of the nationalisation of so much of the country's industry, it is all the more disturbing. What excuse can workers give for striking against a sympathetic Government which is doing everything in its power to find a way out of the troubles which beset it and serve the nation to the best of its ability? There is no more justice in labour playing that sort of politics than for working people in factories, munitions-making or otherwise employed, to strike for increased wages when soldiers are fighting for a few sous a day. The obvious lack of scruple, patriotism and self-discipline among such people condemns them at once. And yet Frenchmen are not the only ones who have erred in this respect. In fact, when that country actually faces crisis it is a well-known fact that factions forget their quarrels and combine their efforts for the common weal.

It is not proposed to argue here the benefits of the safeguards of a totalitarian system against such abuses as appear to be the exclusive possessions of the democratic systems. But the fact is apparently incontrovertible that the policies represented by Communism, Fascism and Nazism do not allow dictation by any single faction. As long as the central authority prevails it has this advantage over the democratic form of Government, that it has already "nationalised" its industry in such a way that no "mobilisation" or "conscription" of labour is necessary even in the gravest emergency. Or so it would appear.

However—and this is the point to which this preamble has been leading—it does seem

BOY or GIRL? Science Can't Help You—Yet

Says
HAMISH FRASER

If I put up a sign, "Boys or girls at will: 100 per cent. success," which would you ask of me, anxious Parent-to-be?

Doctors' experience is that the answer every time is, "A boy." That is because when it comes to being prepared to pay a heavy fee a boy is wanted pretty urgently for some reason of inheritance, a throne perhaps, a title, maybe no more than to carry on the business which you are so proud, Father, of having built up.

Let's clear up as far as possible the mystery of what makes us turn out boys or girls. The first point is that by the time you know a baby is on the way the whole question is settled.

But you've got to wait in patience for the answer right to the very end, to the moment when Nurse comes out and says: "You've got a lovely little..."

There is no way yet of telling the sex of unborn children. Under X-rays they all appear alike, and there are no blood tests which help.

Actually, the very moment the new life begins, its sex is irrevocably settled, and no amount of wishing before or after that affects the question at all.

Now suppose, after all, it's a girl; there's one person who can't be blamed for that—your wife. No, not even if she presents you with a whole family of girls and nothing else. It's the father's side which determines the sex of the offspring.

Family History

THINGS that count are your family history, age, and health. A father who comes of a stock prolific in males is likely to maintain the tradition. However, you can do anything to alter that, any more than you can your age, of whose effect actually we need to know more.

It's believed, though, that marriage of middle-aged men to very young women tends to result in boys.

Now for health. If you want your first child to be a boy, it's no good. Father going into training and becoming a paragon of physical fitness; all you will achieve is the normal odds. If it were otherwise, the fittest nations would become extinct for lack of girls to be mothers.

Much more important actually is the mother's health. You

that the nationalisation of the more vital defence industries, even among democracies, is possible and that it would ensure a closer collaboration between them and the Government than under the present system of private control. For one thing labour would be deprived of the weapon found in the suggestion that arms industries exploit the nation and the workers in war-time; and if the workers in these vital industries had no such argument they would not be so much inclined to strike for better pay. To go into the whole question of the control of arms industries, government as opposed to private ownership, is far beyond the scope of this article. But it must be urged, particularly in British countries, that the public should prepare itself for sacrifices in the event of war just as the Navy and Army and Air Force are prepared to fight on peace-time wages.

Don't you, in the end, agree that it's just as well we cannot determine our children's sex? Don't you think it would lead to squabbles beforehand; reapproaches after?

There are always misfits in life who think things might have been different if only they had the opportunities of the other sex.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



THIS IS THE STORY OF The 7 Ages of LORD SWINTON

MASTER PHILIP GREAME was a normal boy at Winchester. At least, none of his contemporaries remember him as skilled in games or books, and succeeding generation of schoolboys do not recall any mark he made on the place.

"A slow developer," one of them described him.

But last year, when the old headmaster's portrait was hung in the school, they asked "Master Philip" to make the presentation because he is the best known Old Wykehamist and the only one in the Cabinet.

Still slowly developing (in name too), Mr. Philip Lloyd Greame did nothing out of the way at Oxford; but he was a studious youth and applied himself to law, in which he was making progress in six years as a barrister when the war called him to France.

He served until 1917, when he was invalided home with an M.C. and an introduction to Mr. Lloyd George.

Major Lloyd Greame, as he was now known, was the tall, stooping, keen-featured young man whom M.P.s and secretaries often saw in Lloyd George's company in the last eighteen months of the war.

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JAPANESE FLEEING FROM TSINAN

Guerillas Threaten River City

Chinese Continue To Drive Northward

Tsaohsien, Shantung, Apr. 13. In view of the menace of Chinese guerillas around the city, Japanese residents are evacuating Tsinan, since the Chinese captured Chufu, to the south. The Chinese are steadily pressing north.

All Japanese shops which were opened following the Japanese occupation of the city have now been closed and the civilians are leaving. A fleet of 33 steam launches is busily transporting Japanese military supplies and other articles over to the north bank of the Yellow River at Lukow. Many able-bodied Chinese males have been pressed into service to assist in transportation and strengthening of defence works.

As a precaution against further attacks from Chinese guerillas, the majority of the Japanese troops are now stationed at important points outside the city.

Meanwhile, the city gates are closely guarded and a strict search of pedestrians is conducted inside the city. More than 400 Chinese suspected of being plainclothes men have been arrested during the last few days.—Central News.

Progress Continues

Shanghai, Apr. 13. The Chinese still report favourably on the new offensives in south Shantung and to the south-west of Shanghai, according to the latest messages received.

Chinese forces expect at any moment to enter the city of Yihsiien, where the Japanese are concentrated after their defeat at Talerchwang.

Reports conflict regarding the initiative in the fighting near Taihu Lake, one report speaking of Chinese attacks being vigorously resisted, while others state that the Japanese completely failed to dislodge the Chinese troops.—Reuters.

Night Raid At Hankow

Hankow, Apr. 13. Japanese planes bombed the race course at 8 o'clock to-night in mistake for the airfield. It was foggy at the time of the raid.

Six Japanese planes took part in the raid on Hankow. It was moonlight, but visibility was bad and it was therefore hard to locate targets on the ground.

Dog-fights occurred, and about 30 bombs were dropped on the suburbs of Hankow.—United Press.

Night Raid Over Wuhan

Hankow, April 13. A squadron of Japanese planes staged a night raid on the Wuhan area around 7 o'clock last evening.

When they were near the city, Chinese pursuit planes took to the air to intercept them, and powerful search-lights were turned up to spot them.

In view of the Chinese preparedness, the invading machines hurriedly released their bombs and flew away. Little damage was done.—Central News.

Yihsiien Almost Encircled

Hsiaochow, Apr. 13. Yihsiien is now encircled by Chinese forces on three sides, the east, north and south, and most of the hills commanding the city are in Chinese hands.

Fierce fighting raged yesterday at Ancheng and Chenching, south-east and northwest of Yihsiien. At Ancheng 2,000 Japanese troops were enveloped by the Chinese. Repeated Chinese onslaughts were launched during the day. Chinese volunteers threw hand grenades at the enemy, broke into the Japanese lines and whilst the Japanese opened heavy artillery fire to check the Chinese advance. Casualties on both sides mounted as the engagement dragged on.

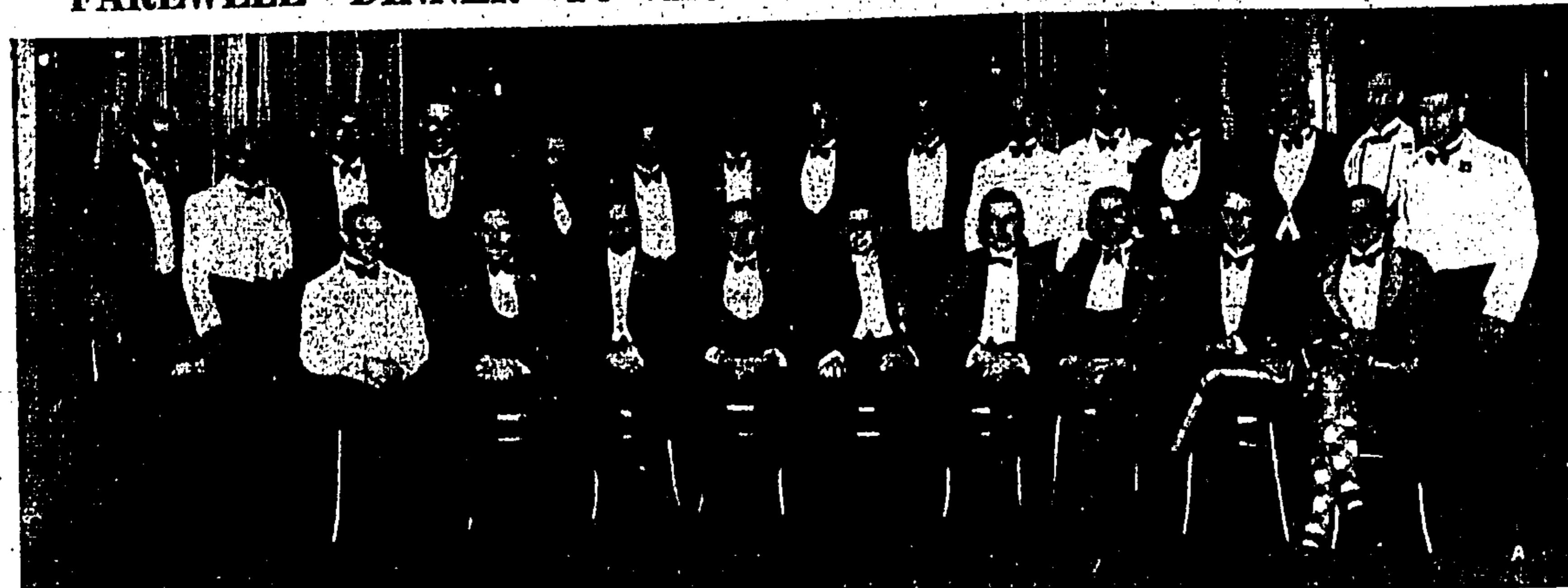
Street fighting took place at Chenching where 500 Japanese troops were besieged by the Chinese forces. After hours of fighting, the Japanese were dispersed, and town was recaptured by the Chinese.—Central News.

Disillusion In America

Washington, Apr. 12. Disillusionment in high quarters here over European developments is believed to have governed President Roosevelt's nomination of the Ambassador-at-Large, Mr. Norman Davis, as Chairman of the American Red Cross. This means that Mr. Davis will be too busy to make any more of those diplomatic trips to Europe, for which the time is now considered to be unsuitable.

President Roosevelt declared today that there is no reason why Mr. Davis should remain Chairman of the United States delegation to the Disarmament Conference, since the conference is "pretty dead" anyhow.

FAREWELL DINNER TO HONGKONG RIFLE CLUB SECRETARY



BISLEY MEETING OF HK.R.C. this week lends interest to this photograph, taken in Hongkong Hotel on occasion of farewell dinner to Major Steers, the retiring Hon. Secretary. His Excellency the Governor was present—Ming Yuen.

Personalities of Old Hongkong

SIR PAUL CHATER WAS "GRAND OLD MAN" OF H.K.: POVERTY TO FABULOUS RICHES

He Saw Colony Grow To Proud Position

By T. Paul Gregory

PROBABLY THE MOST OUTSTANDING FIGURE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COLONY WAS SIR CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, WHO, DURING A CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE OF SOME SIXTY-TWO YEARS BECAME THE VERITABLE "GRAND OLD MAN" OF HONGKONG.

HIS CAREER OF SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT IS AS AMAZING AS ANY DEPICTED IN THE ROMANTIC FICTION OF HORATIO ALGER, OLIVER OPTIC OR GEORGE HENRY—THAT TRIO OF POPULAR AUTHORS—WHOSE BOOKS HAVE LONG BEEN THE JOY AND DELIGHT OF COUNTLESS JUVENILE READERS EVERYWHERE.

Sir Paul Chater was born in Calcutta, India, on September 8, 1846. He was the scion of an old Armenian family which had for generations settled in India. His father, Mr. Chater Paul Chater, was a clerk in the Government Service, and Sir Paul was the youngest of a family of thirteen.

The loss of both his parents at the age of nine thrust him early into the harsh world of reality, but owing to the kindness of the family physician, the lad was enabled to enter La Martiniere School as a foundation.

At the completion of his education, he took the examination for the Indian Survey Department, but being persuaded by one of his sisters decided to come to Hongkong, with the hope that in the Colony he might be able to build up a career for himself.

ARRIVED BENNILESS

The lad, now a strapping of eighteen, arrived in the Colony on April 1, 1864. His worldly possessions were limited to a chest of drawers, a few articles of clothing, and a number of books. Thus, like Benjamin Franklin who at the same age set foot in Philadelphia, with scarcely no more of this world's goods, young Chater's first endeavour was to secure some sort of employment. A sister in the Colony took him under her roof, and he eventually secured a humble position as a clerk in the long since defunct Bank of Hindustan, China and Japan. The young man continued in the services of this institution for nearly two years, and at length, surfeited with the monotony of the work and the obvious dearth of ultimate prospects, decided that he would go into business for himself as an Exchange Broker.

The courage of the youth in this decision was remarkable; for he had no capital of his own. His honesty and perseverance, however, had impressed the senior partner of Sassoon and Company, who determined to aid him in his enterprise. The faith of Mr. Sassoon was amply rewarded; for Sir Paul started off auspiciously enough and in the first month of business earned over \$300 as clear profit.

METEORIC RISE

Henceforward, the rise of Sir Paul Chater was meteoric. About this time, too, he joined with Horace Mody, a Parsi youth of unusual talent, and the two young men under the firm name of Chater and Mody were destined to carve out eminent careers in the financial world of the Colony.

Sir Paul was twenty-three years of age when he made his first investment in land, which was later to prove for him the foundation of a vast fortune. The land was a plot of green hillside on what is now Colne Road. Here he built a residence which he occupied until 1905, when, owing to the steady encroachment of tenements in the locality, he decided to find a more congenial environment for his home.



SIR PAUL CHATER

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7.35 Variety. Vocal—Just Once For All Time (From 'Congress Dances')... Irene Eislinger (Soprano); Orchestra—Lieve Laugh And Love (From 'Congress Dances')... Marek Weber And His Orchestra with vocal refrain by Paul Horbiger; Orchestra—"Once Upon A Time"—Selection (arr. R. S. Stodder)... New Mayfair Orchestra with vocal refrain.

7.45 Studio—Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins on 'Air Raid Precautions'. 8.00 Local Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—A Piano Recital by Caroline Braga.

1. Sonata in A Major: (Mozart) Theme; Variations I to VI; Menuetto; Trio; Allegretto; 2. Scherzo II, in B flat Minor, Op. 31 (Chopin).

8.23 Studio—A Recital by F. N. Hydon (Violin) accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw (Piano).

1. Tartini Sonata in G Minor; 2. Grieg Sonata in F Major Op. 8.

9.03 London Symphony Orchestra "Crown Of India" Suite, Op. 68 (Elgar); 1. Introduction and Dance of Nauchi Girls; 2. Minuet; 3. Warlords Dance; 4. March of the Mogul Emperors... London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar, O.M., K.C.V.O.

9.15 London Relay—The B. B. C. Singers'.

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Choruses. Down In Demerara (Traditional); Riding Down From Bangor; Solomon Levi (Traditional)... Raymond Newell and the B.B.C. Male Chorus conducted by Leslie Woodgate (Ernest Lush at the Piano); Down Among The Dead Men (Traditional); (Continued on Page 4).

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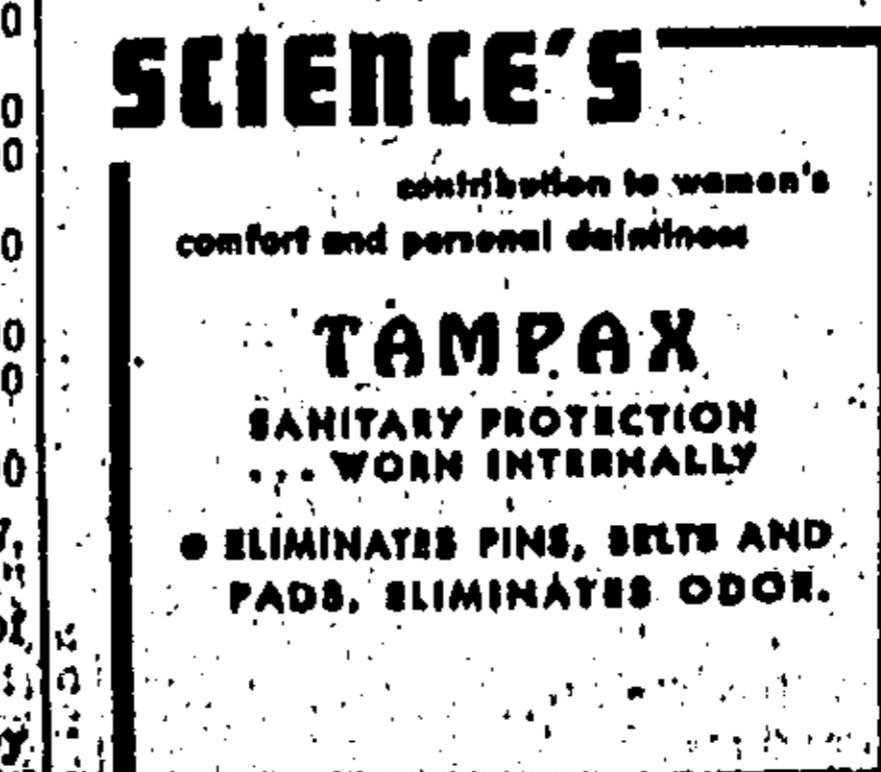
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FAIRY GOLFERS PASS THROUGH THE COLONY

Hagen And Kirkwood On Way To Japan

Unknown to most golfers in the Colony, Walter Hagen, the famous American professional and one of the world personalities in the game, passed through Hongkong over the week-end in company with Joe Kirkwood, known as the "wizard of the links."

An attempt was earlier made to induce the two famous players to give an exhibition in Fanning over the week-end; but apparently nothing could be fixed up.

As a matter of fact, Hagen and Kirkwood were in port for only a few hours. They arrived here from Manila on the Victoria on Saturday morning and left again on the same boat about 1 p.m. An exhibition here would have meant staying over for a few days, but as the two famous players have engagements elsewhere, they could not delay their departure.

Much disappointment was also felt in Manila owing to their inability to give an exhibition there. They remained in that port only a few hours.

Hagen was the first American-born player to win the British Open and thereafter he annexed it on three occasions. He has twice been American Open champion, American professional champion on several occasions and has won many major tournaments. One of the greatest personalities of the game, he was captain of the United States' Ryder Cup team at Southport last year.

TRICK-SHOT MASTER

Kirkwood is a master of trick golf shots and is the ideal player for exhibitions. He has a fine record in open golf events, having taken high places in the British Open Championship on many occasions. Added to his achievements, he has a magnetic personality which attracts the crowds wherever he goes.

SCOTTISH SOCCER

Two Senior Games Played Yesterday

London, Apr. 12. Two matches in the First Division of the Scottish Football League were played to-day, the results being as follows:

Partick	1	Third Lanark	3
St. Mirren	3	Motherwell	0
—Reuter.			

SPLENDID TENNIS PROMISED

Young Tsui Meets H. D. Rumjahn

(By "Abo")

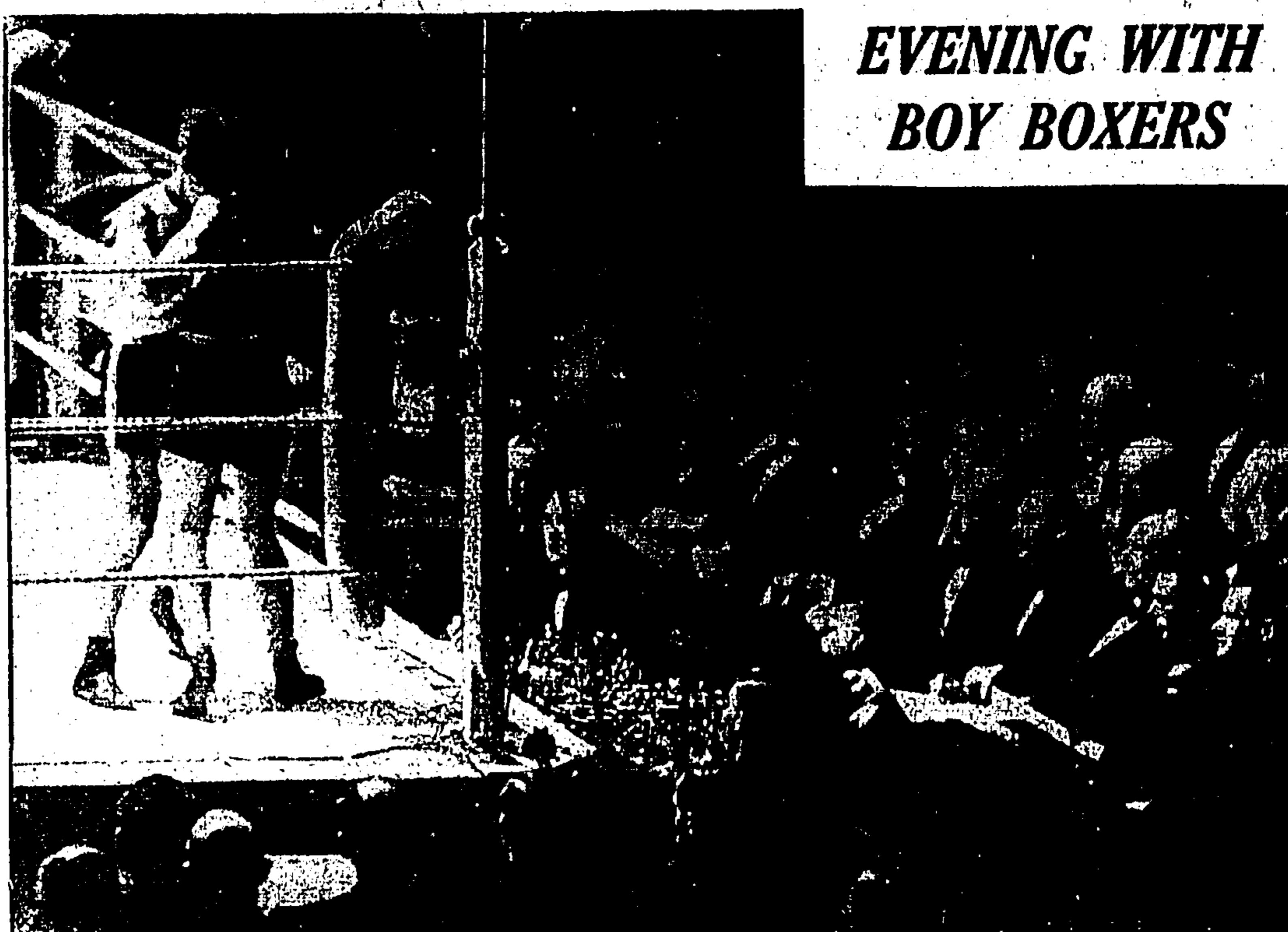
What a generally expected to be the more even of the two semi-final matches in the Colony Open Tennis Singles Championship will be played on the stand-court of the Hongkong C.C. this afternoon when Tsui Yung-pui meets H. D. Rumjahn, the holder of the title.

Until last week, there were many who had thought that, despite his great promise, young Tsui's game had not developed sufficiently to enable him to beat an experienced player like the present champion; since then, however, Tsui has defeated Paul Kong very impressively and Rumjahn was nearly eliminated by W. C. Hung, who is not regarded as a serious singles challenger. Prospects for this afternoon, therefore, are very open indeed.

Whoever wins, some splendid tennis is assured. While Rumjahn is sound rather than brilliant in the majority of his shots with no palpable weakness in any one department, Tsui has a decided weakness overhead. The Indian would appear to have the advantage at the net but the Chinese off-sets this by his steadiness from the base-line.

THE KING AT THE RINGSIDE

EVENING WITH BOY BOXERS



THE KING and his brother, the Duke of Gloucester (fourth from right) watching a fight at the Albert Hall, when the finals of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs championships were decided.

AGA KHAN HAS FINE DERBY CANDIDATES

Khan Bahadur May Be Best Of Colts

By Watchman

London, Mar. 18. Few things in our time have been more remarkable in racing than the prodigious success of the Aga Khan, who last year headed the list of winning owners for the sixth time in the past nine seasons. His average winnings during that period have been little short of £40,000 each season. And he has won the Derby three times within a relatively short racing career.

Further, he possesses to-day a wonderful group of stud horses, which bring in a big annual revenue in the shape of subscription fees. It is true that for 10 years or more he went far towards commanding success by the expenditure of a vast amount on young bloodstock, yet other men have spent money lavishly in the same direction without reaping an adequate reward.

At one time last season it was doubtful whether the Aga Khan would finish at the head of the list. Then came the astonishing successes of his two-year-olds.

In midsummer it seemed probable that he would sweep the classic board in 1938, but towards the close of the season the triumphant career of his youngsters was checked, and the classic outlook became less rosy for him.

Still, he has a fine batch of three-year-olds, and it would be impudent to predict that classic honours will not come his way again. Frank Butters was kind enough to show me round the stable a few days ago, and I was able to see that the Aga Khan's colts and fillies of this age have wintered well.

MIRZA II'S DEVELOPMENT

I was particularly struck with the development of Mirza II, one of the

most discussed thoroughbreds of his time. Last season he was described as a "wonder horse." His narrow failures in the Champagne and the Middle Park Stakes confirmed the impression that he could not stay six furlongs, yet by reason of his extraordinary speed he is still entitled to be considered a wonderful colt.

Mirza II has grown in substance and strength. Few colts of his age I have seen lately have made better progress. Great interest will attach to his earliest appearances. He has been entered for a mile race at Lingfield and will probably be tested there, though the chances seem to be that the brilliant son of Blenheim-Mumtaz Mahal will remain a great sprinter.

Although Tahir is a Tetrademus colt there is a fair chance that the Derby course will not be too far for him. This, at least, is the belief of Frank Butters, who, as we discussed the colt, declared with some emphasis, "he will stay all right." The view seems to be supported by the fact that Bahuddin, three-parts brother to him, has won over a mile and a half.

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America Wants Annual Davis Cup Play

London, Apr. 5. Surprised by the British Lawn Tennis Association's decision to support the proposal for a biennial, instead of an annual, Davis Cup competition, the United States Lawn Tennis Association has addressed a letter to 30 competing nations urging a continuation of annual cup contests.

The quality and quantity of first-class amateurs and the general standard of lawn tennis, declares the letter, would suffer from the proposed change.—Reuter.

JAPAN MAY YET LOSE OLYMPICS

Depends Upon International Exposition

Tokyo, Apr. 8.

If the International Exposition in Japan scheduled to open March 15, 1940 and to last until August 31 of that year is prolonged, foreign countries sending representatives to the Olympic Games in Tokyo opening on September 21 might recall them.

This warning has been given by Count Latour, chairman of the International Olympic Committee, to the Japanese Ambassador in Brussels according to an official dispatch reaching the Foreign Minister, Koki Hirota, from the envoy to-day.

Count Latour, the dispatch added, asked the Ambassador to give a definite reply by May 8 on the projected prolongation of the exposition. In case Japan fails to do so, he suggested, the International Olympic Committee would be obliged, when it meets at Lausanne, to cancel Tokyo as the venue of the 1940 Games.

Holding that it is not their desire to lose the Games because of the exposition, the authorities here are anxious to reach a compromise.—Reuter.

SURPRISE RANKING OF BOXERS

Max Baer is Placed Third Behind Louis, Schmeling; Farr Said Fifth

New York, Mar. 28. Sports scribes throughout the country were surprised to-day when the National Boxing Association issued its quarterly list of ranking boxers in all divisions.

Although little exception was taken to the choices for first places, the selections made by the N.B.A. for second and third ranking fighters resulted in bitter controversies.

The ranking of Max Baer, recent victor Tommy Farr, British Empire champion, as the third best heavyweight was perhaps the most notable change in the listing as compared with the previous group of selections.

Joe Louis was placed at the head of the heavyweights. He was followed by Max Schmeling and Max Baer. Tony Galento, despite his suspension to the future to meet Harry Thomas, was ranked fourth much to the surprise of many writers.

FARR RANKED FIFTH

Tommy Farr received fifth place and Gunnar Bjorklund, sixth. Nathan Mann, Bob Pastor, Red Burman, Al McCoy and Jimmy Adamek were ranked next in order. The ranking of Burman and McCoy, neither of whom has displayed class or scored any notable victories in recent months, proved somewhat of an upset.

John Henry Lewis, negro world light-heavyweight champion, topped the cruiserweights and he was followed by Al Galner, another negro and who is generally considered by the majority of critics as the leading contender in this weight class.

Freddie Steele, world middleweight champion, retained his top position despite the wallop he received at the hands of Freddie Apostoli early in January. Young Corbett III, former world welterweight champion, is ranked second, largely because of his fine victory over Apostoli.

There were no comments on the choices for the welterweights. Barney Ross, the world champion, being given first place. Cefino Garcia, Filipino boxer and leading contender, was ranked second.

AMBERS FIRST

Lou Ambers and Pedro Montanez were ranked first and second in the lightweight class. Ambers is world champion. Henry Armstrong, despite the fact that he was picked as the leader of the 135-pound group by "Ring Magazine" for 1937, was not ranked.

The miniature Brown Bomber, as Armstrong is known, however, led the featherweights by virtue of his holding the world title. Freddie Miller, former champion, was ranked second, above Petey Sarron, his former conqueror.

Sixto Escobar was adjudged world champion in the bantamweight class because of his recent win over Harry Joffra, who beat the Puerto Rican fighter last September for the title. Joffra, however, was surprisingly topped by Pancho Villa, Mexican champion and no relation to the original fighter of the same name. Villa failed to make the first "ten" ranking of "Ring Magazine" which based its selections on the choices of leading boxing writers throughout the United States.

Benny Lynch of Scotland headed the flyweight group for he has never been beaten since he won the world title from Small Montana. Jackie Jurch, generally considered as the best American 112-pounder, was ranked second despite the whipping which he took at the hands of Little Dada of the Philippines last year.—United Press.

WINS RICHEST RACE — Stagehand, mighty 3-year-old owned by Colonel Maxwell Howard of Dayton, Ohio, winning the \$137,300 Santa Anita Handicap, world's richest race, at Arcadia, Cal. The colt (1) is on the outside, with Seabiscuit at the rail.



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More Pay For Test Cricketers

By Ronald T. Symond

London, Mar. 9. Changes in the pay and treatment of Test match professionals which follow the lines advocated in The Daily Mail during the last few years were approved yesterday by the M.C.C. Board of Control of Test Matches at home.

During the series with Australia in the coming season pay will be £50 per man per match, plus rail fares and hotel expenses—the last with a proviso that the player must stay in the hotel specified by the Selection Committee.

This arrangement ensures that in future we shall not hear of players being spread over various localities, out of touch with each other and their captain.

During the last visit here of the Australian team, in 1934, English players received £40 per match, with an end-of-season payment of a further £10 per match and a bonus of £10. From this the players paid their own rail and hotel expenses.

If, as is probable, an equivalent payment from the profits of the tour is made this year, a player taking part in all five Tests will receive £250 more than in 1934.

FOUR SELECTORS

The Board, which met at Lord's also decided to increase the strength of the Test Selection Committee from three to four, and elected:

Sir Pelham Warner (chairman), aged 54;

Mr. P. Perrin, 61;
Mr. A. B. Sellers, 31; and
Mr. M. J. Turnbull, 31.

Sir Pelham ("Plum") Warner has served on several Test Selection Committees. He is a former Middlesex County and M.C.C. captain. Mr. ("Percy") Perrin, until only 10 or 12 years ago, was a regular member of the Essex County side, noted for his breezy batting. Mr. Sellers is the Yorkshire County captain, and Maurice Turnbull leads the Glamorgan side.

On February 17, The Daily Mail exclusively forecast the first three names in this list.

General satisfaction will be felt over the choice of selectors, particularly in view of the inclusion of two active players.

A request has been addressed to the Indian cricket authorities asking them to agree to the employment of the night-ball over during their matches in England in 1938.

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DALADIER BACKED BY HUGE MAJORITY

Chamber Displays Usual Solidarity Facing Crisis

Paris, April 12. The Chamber, by a vote of 576 to five, gave its confidence to the Daladier Cabinet to-day, admitting the financial bills for immediate debate.

Meanwhile the metallurgical strike unexpectedly ended during negotiations.

The General Labour Federation has agreed to order the immediate evacuation of factories, and it is officially announced that the employees will resume work in the nationalised aviation factories on Wednesday.

The financial bill asked for rule by decree until July 31, stipulating that the Chamber must ratify the decrees by December 31 or they will be void.

It is announced that the Government intends to ask the Bank of France for another ten billion francs. It is also announced that a new defence loan is envisaged, but no details are yet known.—United Press.

Seeks Plenary Powers

Paris, April 12. A ministerial declaration in the Chamber will ask for plenary powers in connection with defence of the nation, and the recovery of finance and industry until July 31.

It makes an effort to end the metal strike peacefully by appealing to the workers' patriotism, and warning employers that the exigencies of national defence cannot be made an excuse for privilege.

The declaration proposes a slight increase in taxation with special taxes on industries engaged in armaments production.

Powers are sought to obtain additional advances from the Bank of France up to 10 million francs, and if this proves insufficient, the Government will issue a loan.

Strong Majority

The Daladier Government had a majority of 576 to 5 on the first vote in the Chamber on the Government's request that all interpellations be postponed and the Government's bill discussed immediately.

The Chamber adjourned until 10 p.m. when the debate on the financial programme will be opened.

It was announced in the lobbies of the Chamber that the strike in the aircraft factories had ended to-night, following talks between the Minister of Labour and delegates of workers and employers.—Reuter.

Test Of Strength

Paris, April 12. During the early hours of the morning the Chamber is expected to give the Daladier Government a favourable vote on its request for plenary powers to deal with out-

HOW IT BEGAN By Paul K. Beranier



HOCKEY CORRECTION

It was incorrectly stated yesterday that B. I. Blackford, of the Club, had been selected as one of the reserves for the Civilian hockey team to play Macao during the Easter holidays. The following are the reserves:—Benwell, Reed, Brown, Bond and Souza.

standing financial and social problems.

The Chamber's finance committee has already approved the powers, which will be granted until July 31.

The Finance Minister has given the assurance that no capital levy or control of exchanges are contemplated.

He has proposed the imposition of a special tax applicable to all citizens not liable to military service, but liable to income tax.

As regards raw materials, the Government does not intend to reduce customs duties, but it is meant to increase them in certain cases.

Delegates at a meeting of strikers in the aircraft industry have approved the terms of settlement of the dispute.—Reuter.

Daladier Wins Again

Paris, April 13. The Chamber of Deputies voted in favour of the Plenary Powers Bill by 508 to 12.—Reuter.

Aga Khan Has Good Derby Horses

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In Austria, all of whom will be valuable for the paddocks when their racing days are over.

Among this owner's older horses Sultan Mahomed is the best. Heeling affected him badly last year. His trainer thinks he would have won the Aintree Derby had the luck of the race gone with him. Perhaps the grey son of Massine will make amends in this year's Cup races.

As usual, the stable is well off for two-year-olds of high breeding and promise. Sixteen of them belong to the Aga Khan. I would award a leading place to Sadril, who is by Solaris from Fraine's Daughter, the dam of Dastur and Bahram. Clearly one of the most attractive of all these youngsters, he possesses more substance and scope than Mahboub, a bay brother to Mahmoud, who is an elegant colt, if a little on the small side.

MAY RUN FOR FRENCH DERBY

Among the allies Persian Folly, by Duster—Lady Lawless, takes the eye. Veracite, a sister to Vermeil, is one to look out for early in the season. The Begum Aga Khan is represented in the stable by Durandal II, who, if all goes well with him, is likely to be trained for the French Derby. Princess Aly Khan has the fine-looking Xandover colt Neuvy, who was jarred when he won at Goodwood and so did not run again.

Six two-year-olds and two three-year-olds are owned by Prince Aly Khan, who also has Praxitelles II, in partnership with Count Guazzone, in Stafarallo, cheaply bought by

Prince Aly Khan from his father's batch of sale yearlings, has grown into a magnificent filly, and I expect big things this year of the stayng daughter of Solaris.

One would not hesitate to describe her as the young Queen of the stable, if it were not for the presence of Radant, who seems to me to have done as well as could be expected since her two-year-old days. Miss Dorothy Paget has never had any reason to regret having given 11,500 guineas for Radant.

15,000 GNS. SPECULATION

Considerably more of a speculation at the yearling sales was the Golden Hair colt, and as I stood in his box I wondered how much of the 15,000 guineas paid for him by his enterprising owner will come back.

Even if it was not realised at Doncaster, it was manifest los' season that the son of Fairway might be handicapped by lack of inches.

A grandly-topped colt, he is wonderfully compact. But one cannot help thinking that he could do with being higher from the ground. How

he will shape in the new season depends to a large extent on his freedom from the knee trouble which interrupted his two-year-old career.

Miss Paget has seven two-year-olds in the stable. The Solaris-Fraine Palm filly seems likely to justify the tall price she made at

Hidden Cases Of Smallpox Disclosed

In the course of their search of Chinese houses in Kowloon for possible hidden smallpox cases recently, Sanitary Inspectors discovered that there was such a case in a flat in Fuk Wing Street.

As a result of this, Wong Shing, a man, was this morning fined \$10 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy for having failed to notify an infectious disease.

In another case, Chan Kay of Arthur Street, was fined \$5. Senior Sanitary Inspector H. L. Lockhart said that the affected inmate of the house escaped the search some way or other. An anonymous telephone message led officers to make a sudden raid on the house and a woman was found in a very bad state.

The defendant said that he was the principal tenant of the house and collected \$9 as rent from his sub-tenants. Of this sum he had to pay \$8 as house rent. His wife earned money by washing clothes.

In view of the defendant's circumstances, Mr. Macfadyen imposed a lesser fine.

DOG OWNERS FINED

Several residents were summoned before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for allowing their dogs to be abroad on Repulse Bay Beach without muzzles or leads.

Mr. J. T. Lock was fined \$20. He pleaded guilty but said the dog had been inoculated against rabies. Mr. J. B. Morper was similarly fined. His Worship remarked in both cases that the muzzling regulations were now quite well-known and there was no excuse for the offence.

Capt. White, of the Royal Scots, was summoned on two counts for allowing his two dogs to be abroad without muzzles or leads, and was fined \$15 on each count.

Miss M. W. Clay was also fined \$15 for a similar offence. Both Capt. White and Miss Clay said their animals had been inoculated against rabies.

SNATCHER TO BE CANED

Only 17 years of age, Li Hoi-kau, was yesterday arrested for snatching a pair of earrings from a woman in Saigon Street, Kowloon. He was sentenced to three months' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane, at the Kowloon Magistracy.

A grandly-topped colt, he is wonderfully compact. But one cannot help thinking that he could do with being higher from the ground. How he will shape in the new season depends to a large extent on his freedom from the knee trouble which interrupted his two-year-old career.

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BRITISH TONNAGE SHRINKS SINCE 1913

London, Apr. 12. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade circulated the following information to-day:

The gross tonnage of steam and motor vessels of 100 tons gross and over, excluding tankers, registered in Great Britain and Ireland in July 1937 was 14,003,000. It is estimated that the tonnage of tramps, cargo liners, and combined passenger and cargo liners included in this total, amounted to about 12,000,000 tons gross.

Steam and motor tonnage of 100 tons gross and over, including tankers, registered in Great Britain and Ireland on July 1, 1913 amounted to 18,274,000 tons gross.

Vessels included cannot readily be classified but on the basis of such information as is available it is probable that the gross tonnage of tramps, cargo liners, and combined passenger and cargo liners included in the total was about 16,000,000.

The gross tonnage of all descriptions of British steam and motor vessels of 100 tons gross and over, registered at ports outside Great Britain and Ireland was 2,010,000 on July 1, 1937 and 1,575,000 on July 1, 1913. Information is not available to classify the vessels.—British Wireless.

TWO KILLED IN WEEK'S STREET ACCIDENTS HERE

Altogether 50 traffic accidents, resulting in the death of two persons and injuries to 22, occurred in the Colony, including the New Territories, during the week ending Saturday last. Both the persons killed were Chinese who were knocked down by motor-cars.

The injured included three pedestrians; one bus and four tramcar passengers who alighted from the vehicles whilst they were in motion; one bicycle rider and four rickshaw drivers as a result of collisions between vehicles; two riders on a tandem bicycle through falling from their machine; one tram passenger who sustained injuries when the car stopped suddenly to avoid colliding with a motor vehicle; and one lorry passenger who fell from the vehicle.

Of the 50 accidents, 22 were collisions between vehicles; 16 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians, and 12 were due to other causes.

SPORT ADVT.

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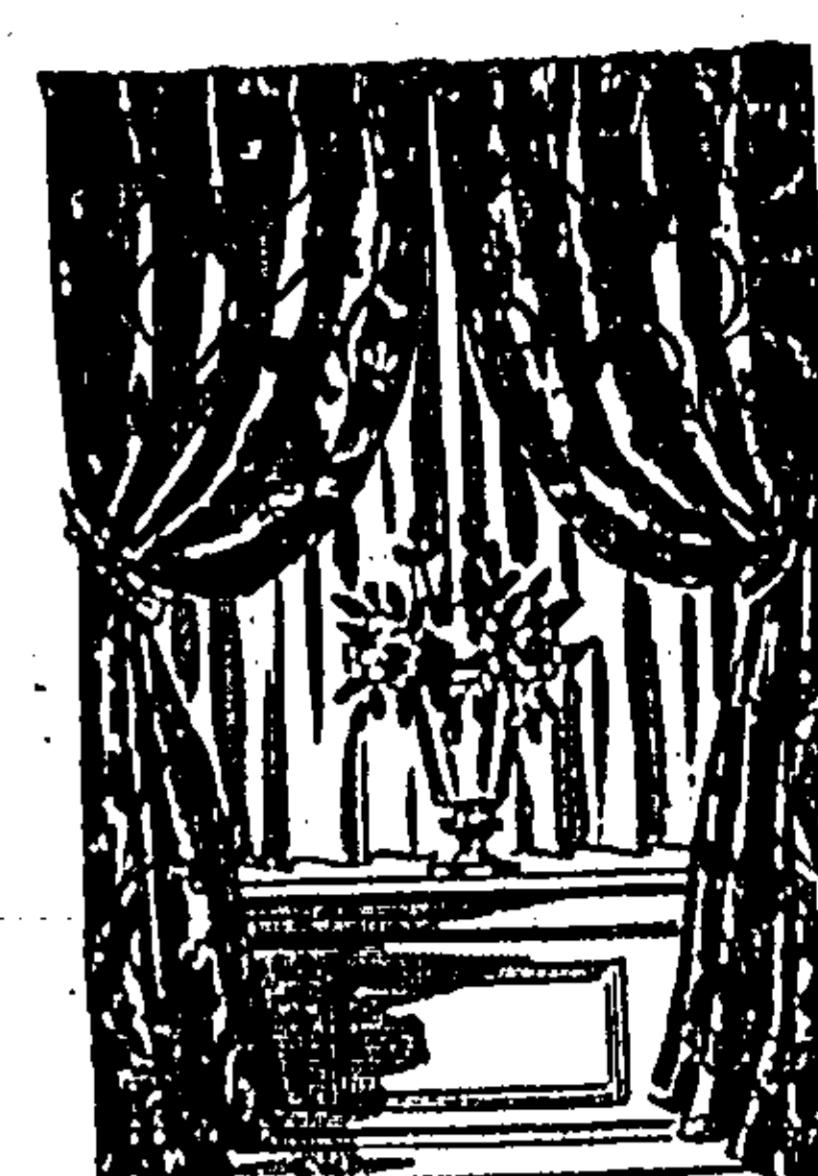
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'NO ACTION' REPORT TO GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT IS ADVISED BY THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO RENTS, WHOSE REPORT WAS TABLED IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON, TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT "SEES NO REASON AT PRESENT TO IMPOSE RENT RESTRICTIONS, BUT IS CAREFULLY WATCHING THE SITUATION, AND WILL NOT HESITATE, SHOULD FUTURE CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFY SUCH A MEASURE, TO PASS LEGISLATION RESTRICTING INCREASES IN RENT WHICH UNDULY BENEFIT LANDLORDS."

The hope is expressed in the Report that concerns employing large clerical staffs will recognise that many of their employees are now compelled to pay increased rents in the absence of cheaper premises, and will readjust salaries or grant allowances to meet present conditions.

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unsatisfactory tenants during recent years. Tenants have been in arrears with their rent for months. Houses and flats have been constantly vacant, sometimes for years. Landlords have been called upon to pay enormous charges for extra water. Tenants by threatening to quit, have forced down rents to extremely low levels.

"Almost any page extracted from a landlord's accounts will justify the foregoing statements as regards the cheaper class of premises, and tenants in their evidence frequently admitted as much. A European banker referred to cases where landlords have cancelled several months' back rent so long as the tenant promised to stay on and pay his rent in future.

"We think that notices to quit have been given in many cases because the landlord is at last in a position to get rid of a bad tenant.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

"What are the possible solutions? They seem to us to be two in number—(a) the statutory restriction of rents, and (b) the inception of rapid house construction work.

"The second solution, whether achieved by governmental action or by private enterprise, has the obvious disadvantage that some time must inevitably elapse before it becomes effective.

"As disinterested witnesses of importance have unanimously testified, the great difficulty inherent in a statutory restriction of rents is to devise an equitable basis upon which a standard rent may be assessed. If the level obtaining immediately before the present rise in rents commenced be taken, then as we have shown the effect will be artificially to continue the depression as regards house property owners and to deprive them of a living income.

"The evidence of a European banker on this point is worth considering in some detail. 'If you are going to restrict rents, what guarantee in return are you going to give the landlord? Are you going to guarantee payment of his rent in bad times? . . . If a man has property and you restrict his resources so that he cannot pay his bank interest, there will be a crisis . . . If you start banks calling in mortgages, then you will have a serious crisis. On the same point a prominent Chinese stated: "Inability to pay interest induced by any legislative action may result in foreclosure (which word we think he used to describe all mortgagees' remedies) which would mean depression of market values to the great detriment of the Colony's prosperity.'

"Bearing in mind the quotation we have already made from the Economic Commission's Report, these words of grave significance.

WARN AGAINST LEGISLATION

"Legislation which will further undermine the already depreciated value of investments constituting 'a very large portion, if not the bulk, of the wealth of the Colony' can only work against the best interests of the community as a whole.

"The ruin of private enterprise with holdings on so vast a scale must lead to repercussions the extent of which it is difficult to exaggerate. It is especially worthy of note that we have evidence that large corporations controlled by both Europeans and Chinese, including Chinese banks, have been forced to borrow from European banks in connection with their dealings in house property.

"If the level of rents, obtaining before the depression be taken as the standard, then in our view no benefit will be derived by the tenants; for we consider that the increases now proposed seldom restore the present rents to the level then obtaining. If rents be limited to a certain reasonable net percentage return on capital outlay, again the tenants will not benefit, nor against the majority of landlords; for we are satisfied that landlords as a class will not derive an undue revenue from their investments even when the proposed increases are taken into account, and such a measure would invite fraudulent evasions of property."

GOVERNMENT BUILDING

"We understand that the question of the building of various types of houses by Government is now being considered by the Housing Commission, and we do not feel that any useful purpose can be served by our attempting, in a rapid survey, to cover ground which is being explored by experts. We merely desire to observe that if the provision of additional accommodation is accepted as the correct solution to the present difficulty, and if private enterprise will not supply that accommodation, the only alternative for Government to undertake the necessary construction, but we would add that any action calculated to discourage private enterprise should be avoided in the interests of the Colony as a whole.

"It should also be remembered that there is an enormous untapped re-

Second Committee Reports On Government Rents

THE Report of a Committee on Rents for Government Quarters was also tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

The Report recommends as the unanimous conclusion of the Committee, comprising the Hon. Mr. S. Caine, Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. J. K. Bousfield, that, having regard to the origin of the present system of rent allowances and housing assistance, to the fact that existing salaries were fixed in the light of that system and to the usual practice in other parts of the Colonial Empire, the basis of rentals could not be altered without computation revision of salaries.

"Any attempt to vary rentals without increasing salaries would be equivalent to a salary cut and would result in anomalies as between officers at present entitled to free quarters and officers not eligible for such free quarters but liable to pay rent.

"We recommend therefore that no change be made in the rentals at present charged.

servo of potential refugees across the border, and that any cheap houses erected may prove to be merely the receptacle for its overflow. 'Anything that we build,' said the Government Assessor of Rates, 'is certain to be filled up while the present conditions last, but when the property market (i.e., the letting market) is normal again, there may be a lot of empty houses.'

"If Government sees fit to erect houses, they might be reserved for the present for permanent residents of the Colony who cannot find alternative accommodation.

FACTORY MENACE

"We learned that in two cases notice to quit had been given to a number of tenants with the object of converting premises into factories, and we believe that other instances of this nature are to be found. The establishment of factories is to be encouraged, but they should if possible be prevented from occupying residential buildings. We understand that this question is also being considered by the Housing Commission, and we leave it to that Commission to make recommendations.

"We received a communication from a group of Admiralty Civil Servants. It seems to us that the Navy, Army, Air Force and Civil Service Authorities might consider whether they could provide further accommodation for their respective families, meanwhile granting such allowances in lieu of quarters as may be adequate in the circumstances prevailing at a time to time.

PLEA TO EMPLOYEES

"It is earnestly to be hoped that concerns employing large clerical staffs will recognize that many of their employees are now compelled to pay increased rents in the absence of cheaper premises, and will adjust salaries or grant allowances to meet present conditions.

"The solution of rapid building, apart from its necessarily slow consummation, is attended by many difficulties. It is necessary to restore confidence in the property market before much development can be expected at the hands of private enterprise."

"Who to-day," asked a witness, "will develop property in Hongkong?" We endeavoured to answer this question, and were shown graphs by the Buildings Ordinance Office, of which copies are not available, showing a continuous decline in construction since the year 1931. In 1932, 1,472 houses were actually completed. In 1937 only 100 houses were completed. It is obvious that the present rate of building is wholly inadequate.

"KING AND QUEEN AT ALDERSHOT

London, April 12.

Their Majesties the King and Queen made a visit of inspection to Aldershot to-day. The spectacular item on their programme was the manoeuvre of a combined attack by modern mechanised forces. Infantry, gunners and tank corps took part. Both Their Majesties also visited the barracks and enquired about the soldiers' living conditions.—British Wireless.

"We recommend a public statement that Government sees no reason at present to impose restriction, but is carefully watching the situation, and will not hesitate, should future circumstances justify such a measure, to pass legislation restricting increases in rent which unduly benefit landlords."

London, April 12.

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Purse Lifter Captured, Sent To Gaol

A Northern Chinese, Wong Wing-hei, 35, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the theft of a handbag containing \$39.42 and belonging to Miss Yim Yuk-ling, from the Bata Shoe Company yesterday.

Joseph A. Leigh, a salesman, said that he was attending Miss Yim, and had gone to fetch samples for her inspection. On his return, he saw Wong making for the shop door, with a woman's handbag under his arm. Witness immediately shouted to another salesman who was by the door to hold defendant, and Wong was held until the police arrived.

Detective-Sergeant Dewar, who prosecuted, asked for a serious view to be taken of the offence, saying such occurrences were getting too frequent, and although many culprits had been caught, others had managed to get away.

A sentence of two months' hard labour without the option of a fine was imposed.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETLY FIRM

London, April 12.

The Stock Exchange was quiet in all sections, especially among the speculative issues. Cable and Wireless ordinary issues recovered sharply with the announcement of the year's dividend of four per cent.

Chinese bonds were better, but gilt-edged holdings were quietly irregular.

Among the commodities, coconuts after weakening with liquidation was disappointing to the bulls.

The foreign exchange was quiet apart from some selling of belgas after the purchase of the French franc.—Reuter Special.

MILLIONS INVESTED BY BRITAIN ABROAD

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SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Wireless Station—Kwalsang, Hangsang, President Adams, Noryiken, Potsdam, Maylor, Haldis, Asian, Touraine, Indira, Glenstiel, D'Artagnan, Jan Lan Borde.

RAILWAY WORKER HURT

Leung Tung, 43, employed by the Kowloon-Canton Railway, had the fingers of his right hand crushed yesterday while he was engaged in coupling carriages at the terminus yesterday. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

INSURANCE POSITION UNCERTAIN

Far East Events Disturb Business

Mr. S. H. Dodwell Speaks

Reference to recourse to the Courts for a decision on a particular form of guarantee business was made by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, presiding this morning at the ordinary yearly meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. In addition to shareholders, there were present Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. G. Miskin, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson (Directors) and Mr. A. W. Hughes, General Manager.

In presenting the annual report, the Chairman referred to staff changes. The difficult year of 1937 had a particular effect on insurance business and the good start that was made at the beginning of the year was followed by a recession of prices, increasing unemployment and political disturbances. The Company was not so dependent as it used to be on trade and financial conditions in the Far East but speaking of the Sino-Japanese conflict, he could say that any reduction of income as a result of the cessation of normal trade had been more than made up through additional war risk coverage. It was the policy of the management to avoid war risk commitments and other than Current Marine Policies, and the Society had had no war risk liability in China.

In the marine market, casualties continued with increasing severity, following on the losses of 1936. The total loss of the President Hoover, which was probably the worse single loss for some years, followed the typhoon of September 2 which put 27 ships ashore and was very costly to underwriters.

Changes had been made in Marine Standard Clauses revising the terms under which war risk could be covered, and an agreement as to underwriters, war risk liability on land was reached which eliminated the danger of all companies being faced with a huge war risk loss in this connection.

"ACCIDENT BUSINESS"

Fire results were particularly satisfactory but the "accident business" in which the motor car was most important, continued to give anxiety. Recent court decisions and a tendency on the part of juries to award higher damages to third parties made this underwriting difficult.

Compensating features were the increase in the income in all sections of insurance business and given reasonable freedom from political troubles, said the Chairman, he was confident of a prosperous future.

The transfer £200,000 to Underwriting Suspense Account was necessary to strengthen it against losses paid in connection with a particular form of guarantee business, the result of which had been unsatisfactory and which had since been discontinued. A dispute had arisen as to the amount recoverable from re-insurers and others and at the moment it appeared that recourse would have to be made to the Courts for a decision.

The Chairman referred in detail to the accounts which have already been published, and the report and accounts were then seconded by Mr. E. Davidson and approved by the meeting.

Meetings of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. and the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. followed.

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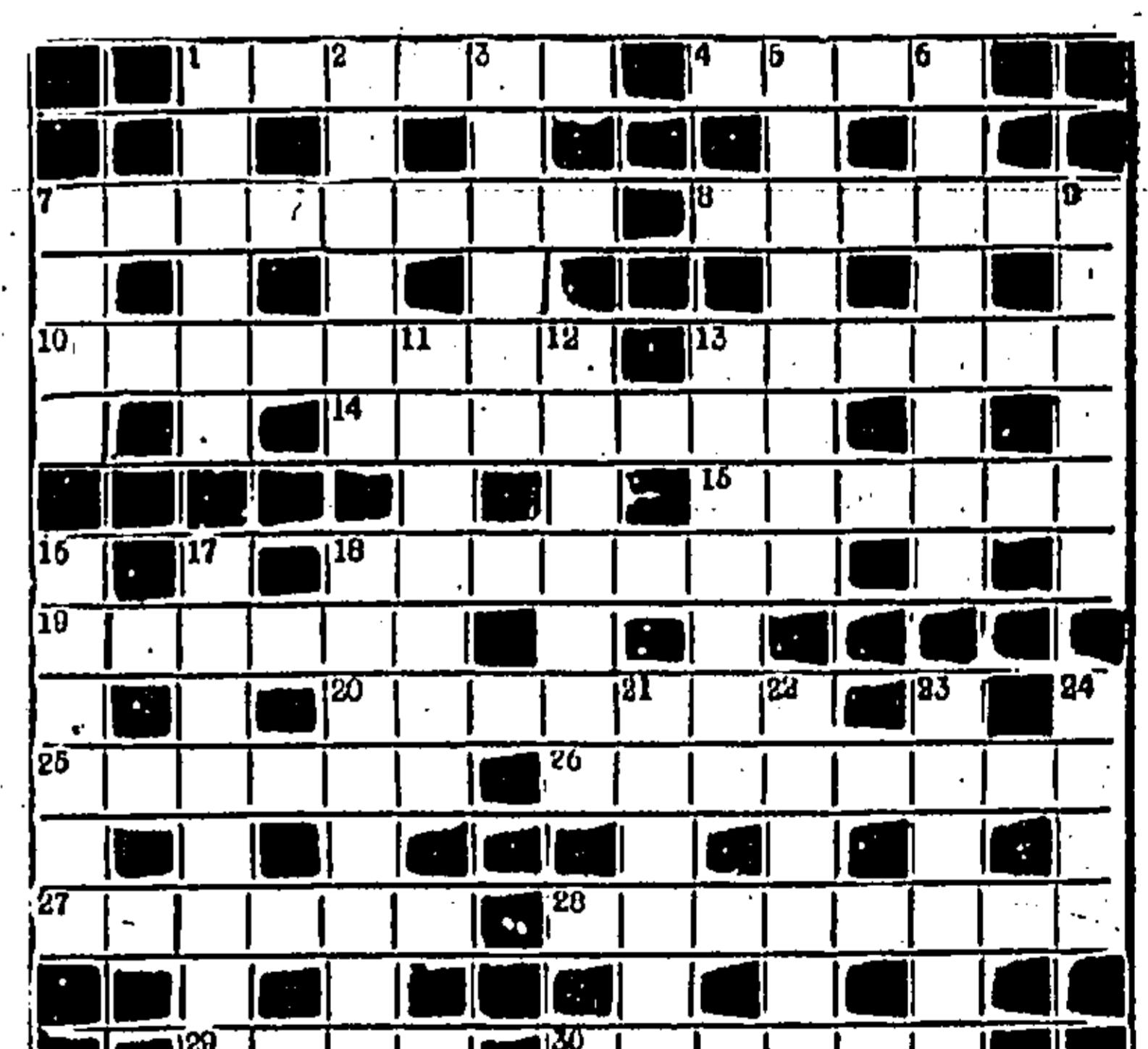
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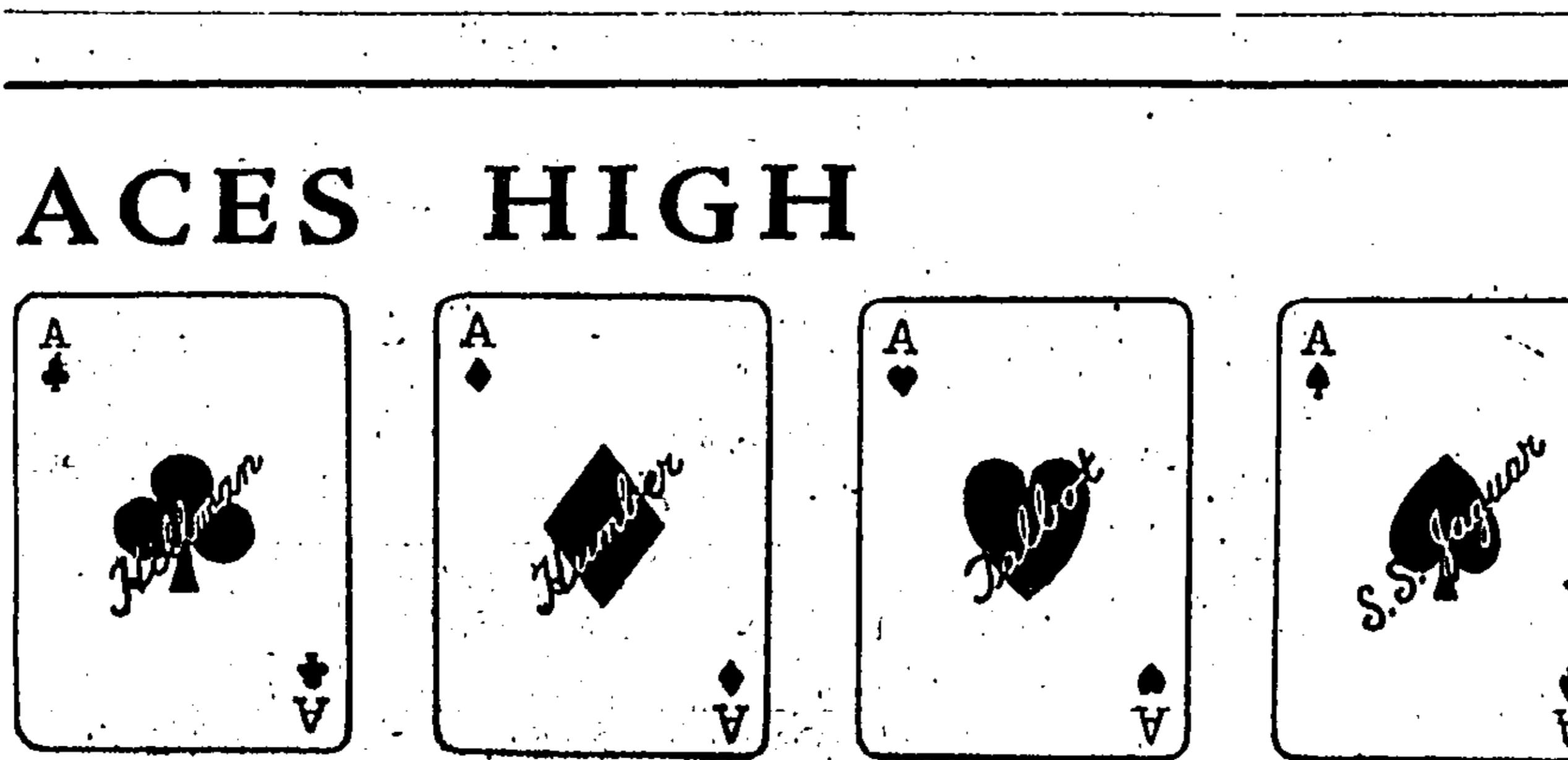
- 1 A sailor's union (6).
- 4 China's abiding scar, maybe (4).
- 7 Without the fourth letter this soft job would be an influence for good (8).
- 8 The middle is debated, even entirely (6).
- 10 On the Baltic has anyone ever this the first half? (8).
- 13 A phrase that may help to make a big hit with an article (6).
- 14 This is raised, flat, and ends in one spot (7).
- 15 Estimate for a foolish female? (6).
- 16 Food, or where-on half of 15 across can find it? (7).
- 19 This time the fairy started (6).
- 20 Cut started by cut (7).
- 22 Persistent ailments exhibit this (6).
- 23 If a fat fish tried this would his scales show any difference? (8).
- 27 Not a bright fellow (6).
- 28 Try on car to produce the opposite (8).
- 29 Its appropriate place would be 30 across, or 23 down (4).
- 30 Listen to the heart of 15 across for this vehicle (6).

DOWN

- 1 The housewife puts these garments in the first half to second half (6).
- 2 This bit of jewellery may contain a first part (6).
- 3 The hungry appreciate his joint efforts (6).
- 5 The troupe may be it, and the busy traveller come it (6).
- 6 Disturbed by a sharp advance of shares (6).

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